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NEXT MEETING: Monday, February 7 at Y.M.C.A., 8th Ave. and C St., San Diego, Calif.

THE SPEAKER AT OUR LAST MEETING was Narciso Morales, his subject being the coins of Japan. This is such a large and complicated series that it was impossible for him to discuss it completely in the time available, but he gave us interesting information on what is, to most of us, an obscure group. He gave a brief outline of Japanese history, and said that originally rice, silk, gold bars, etc. were used as media of exchange, actual coins finally being copied from the Chinese. Japanese coins have been made of bronze, silver, gold, lead, iron, jade, and even other materials. In late years aluminum also was used. With the opening of Japan to commerce, western types of coins replaced the ancient models, and the first really modern coins were struck in 1870 at Osaka. He said that modern Japanese gold is relatively scarce due to hoarding and to the present inflated price of gold in that country, $60 per ounce. Incidentally the gold coins are extremely well executed, comparing favorably with the issues of any other nation. Narciso explained the inscriptions, and said that the reason no portrait of Emperors were used was due to the the Emperor being considered as a god, and hence such common use of a portrait would be sacrilege. He described the yen issues, and showed how at present brass and bronze pieces replace those of silver, illustrating the decadence of coinage in Japan as in so many other countries. He exhibited some coin novelties, as chopstick holders ornamented with coins; statuettes of gods connected with coins; and a money bag decorated with pictures of coins. The latter had a coin sewed in the lining, so that it "never would be empty!".
We are indebted to Narciso for an unusual talk, and thank him for giving it.

A NEW MEMBER WE WELCOME THIS MONTH:

LAUERMAN, Frank A. 5167 Bristol Road, San Diego 16

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Did anyone find a magnifying glass? Louie Walrath lost one, with a lens approximately 1½" wide, and which folds into a leather case.

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San Diego coin dealers have a new competitor; Ricky Kaufman. Little Ricky set up a spread of coins for sale at our last meeting - and he sold some, too; thus cutting into the professionals.

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DISPLAYS AT OUR LAST MEETING were pretty skimpy; but Francis Jones showed wooden "nickels"; Frenchy Vigneault Morgan dollars; and Gene Johnston German metal inflation money of 1921-3, wooden "nickels", and Boulder City, Nevada tokens. These latter were used in Boulder City in the early days of the construction of Boulder Dam, and although very many of them must have circulated, they are quite scarce now. Gene exhibited many varieties of them.

How about more displays next time?

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Doc Bruce Wallace again was auctioneer at our meeting, and Johann Johnson was conscripted as delivery boy.

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Our lunch was prepared and served by Lu Whited and Abe Beck. Abe did all right as an amateur waiter; at any rate, he didn't spill anything.

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ACUTE ABSENT-MINDEDNESS - If the Coronado ferry ever finds one of their turnstiles torn up by the roots and carried away, Frenchy Vigneault probably will be guilty. Frenchy bought a 3-legged buffalo nickel for $2, and then accidentally dropped it into the turnstile to pay his fare.

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To find out what's going on in the world, read the S.D.N.S. Bulletin. Our article last month about the termites in La Mesa worried Mark Lowthian until he dug

up around his new house - and he actually found termites that he hadn't suspected were there until we warned him. So now we claim credit for saving the home of Mark and Phyllis.

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Mae Chamberlain's broken arm now is much better, and is out of the cast. However she still has some trouble in using the hand, but hopes - and so do we - that this soon will wear off. The others hurt in the wreck, Sam Chamberlain and Doc Bruce Wallace, now are O.K.

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We are sorry to say that Doc Calvert Emmons is in hospital in Upland with a bad leg; and Doc Glenn Curtis is in hospital in Orange for heart trouble. We hope they both will be well again and around very soon.

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As our installation of officers and dinner will be just at about the time you receive this Bulletin, it's no use our saying anything more about it now. But anyway we'll report it next month.

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ABSENTEEISM COMING UP - Bob Whited will have to spend most of his time for the next year at Edwards Air Base; in fact, he already left, but came home for Christmas. And Louie Fischer will have to commute between here and Ohio for some months to come. We will miss these fellers - but hope it won't stop Lu and Mildred from coming to meetings as usual.

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Bob Flournoy got nine commemorative half dollars free. Well, practically free. He bought them years ago, and when he was badly hurt in an auto accident, someone stored them away for him - so thoroughly that he couldn't find them. He eventually forgot all about the coins, until years later when he accidentally came across them - so that was like a real treasure find.

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This gem of wisdom was culled by Lt. Walter Luttmer:

Ve get too soon oldt,
Und too late schmardt.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Helen Stevens to P.O. Box 113, Lakeside. Helen didn't give us her new house address; but the housing situation being what it is, maybe she is living in that mail box.

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POETS' CORNER - We never before knew we had so many poets around. Having received a Christmas card from the Hermit of Skunk Hollow, the Henry W. Longfellow of Chula Vista, Bill Ehlers was inspired to write:

Surrounded by skunks, coyotes and mountain lynx,
We're glad it ain't Tom Ward that stinks.

And Mike Carey and Mary Patricia Wilson, his secretary, put their heads together and produced this masterpiece:

Though Skunk Hollow is your home, my friend,
'Tis known to all too few.
And though I've never seen the place,
Still I've heard there's naught to view.
But as a Roman colleague,
I think this is the time
To wish you Merry Christmas,
And to toast a glass of wine.

All levity aside, Tom Ward,
I know you are a friend,
And though on certain subjects
Your will will not unbend,
We do agree on one thing,
That's certain to be sure,
We've got the best darn Roman coins
That will for years endure.

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Of course you will understand that when Mike refers to an unbending will, that's a polite expression for pigheadedness.

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We also learn that Lu Whited wrote a poem about the Hermit of Skunk Hollow, and then lost her nerve and didn't mail it to him. We can't understand why she should be so bashful; her poem couldn't possibly say anything worse about him than has already been said.

Speaking of the Hermit's special Christmas cards, three people have told us they failed to arrive. This kind of worries us for fear a batch may have gone astray; so if you didn't get one, tell us and we'll mail another. Then you can keep it for a year and give it to yourself next Christmas.

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We hate to have commercialism rear its ugly head again, but - dues are due. Two bucks for regular members and one for juniors, in case you've forgotten.

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Some time in the next few weeks - or the next few months - or whenever we get around to it - we are going to issue a 1955 membership roster. We only list paid-up members on these rosters; and you wouldn't want your name omitted from the list of members of the world's leading numismatic society, would you? And if you ain't a member, now is the time to join, and so get on the list.

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And as we now are starting the eighth volume of the world's most confused numismatic publication, we should repeat what we said before: why doesn't the society appoint a new editor? preferably one with some brains. When one man puts out this stuff year after year he is likely to get pretty stale, and so you might want a change. No one can judge his own work properly; we know ours is pretty bad, but it might be even worse than we think. The present editor doesn't mind beating out this trash each month - but ain't you entitled to something better?

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STARTING AT THE BOTTOM - At our last meeting our secretary-elect, Lyle Gordon, was learning the secretary business under the wing of Francis Jones. Well, he couldn't have a better teacher - and moreover Lyle gives every indication of being a star pupil.

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OVERSEAS NEWS - You would think that our English branch, the staff of Spink and Son, London, would be fed up by this time with the kind of stuff we print.

But evidently them there Englishmen are gluttons for punishment. Howard Linecar of Spink's has invited this editor to write an article for that firm's "Numismatic Circular".

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Maybe our article will fit right in with the British austerity program.

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And after years of Boche bombing, maybe our article won't be so hard for them Londoners to endure after all. They should be able to stand anything.

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If you want a definition of the word "Boche", ask Frenchy Vigneault.

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However if the article we wrote for Spink's is published, we expect to be able to build a new house with the bricks which will be thrown at us.

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The Rohr Aircraft Corporation of Chula Vista paid its 5,100 employees on one pay day with 345,000 silver dollars to show them "what a week's earnings look like in hard money".
Each employee received a canvas bag containing his pay. It took 75 men to handle the money, which weighed 12 tons, and this stunt cost Rohr $1,500 in extra expense.
The Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco did not have enough dollars on hand to fill the order, so additional ones had to be obtained from the mint.

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So Chula Vista was swamped with silver dollars for a few days. In a way, so was Gene Johnston. He was getting phone calls at the rate of fifty a day from people wanting to know what silver dollars were worth.

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Gene told them a dollar each.

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And another silver dollar story from the San Diego Union -
NOT SO RARE - SILVER DOLLARS' INFLATION DEFLATED.

Philadelphia, Dec. 28 (AP) - The innocent release of three million rare silver dollars by the U.S. mint has much of the nation raising its numismatical eyebrows. It was the Christmastime demand for these hefty coins as gifts which put all this supposedly prize money in circulation.

With the news yesterday that dollars minted in the 1800s were being passed around, a lot of people quickly became coin collectors. They were inspired by reports that dealers might pay up to $17 for the old silver dollars.

Banks and coin dealers reported a silver rush today the like of which none could remember.

The experts say that little but disenchantment is in store for those sudden silver dollar fans who hope to cash in at collectors' fancy prices.

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A long time ago, Lou Panosh suggested the purchase of badges, each bearing a member's name, to be worn for identification. We haven't done anything about it so far, but ain't it a good idea? When we were a small organization with only a dozen or so at meetings everyone knew everyone else; but now we have so many members and get new ones almost every month - and the new ones don't know who's who. Nor do us old members always recognize the new ones by name. The badges wouldn't have to be very elaborate; perhaps just a fairly large celluloid button with the society's initials and a name would do.

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HARD LUCK ON DOC BOWERS? - After listing a lot of bad luck of our members last month - the Chamberlain and Wallace auto wreck, Charlie Leuschner's illness, Ernie Osburn's infected hand, and Charlie Heaton's robbery - we followed by saying that Doc Nathan Bowers heads the 1955 Heath Literary Awards Committee for the A.N.A. Well, maybe Doc will think it hard luck when he has to make his decisions.

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S.D.N.S. stationery is still available. Ask the secretary.

THE CALIFORNIA STATE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION CONVENTION, Hotel Claremont, Berkeley, April 28 to May 1 - Gilbert Eaton, the general chairman, announces the names of his staff, as follows:

VICE CHAIRMEN: Frederick J. Monteagle; Kenneth P. Allen
REGISTRATION: Don Thrall
FINANCE: Don Crosman
EXHIBITS: Roy Hill
PUBLICITY: Frederick J. Monteagle
BOURSE: Ed Fogler
ENTERTAINMENT: Frank X. Galvin
HOSPITALITY: Mrs. Walter Fieberling; Stanley S. Hawley

Display cases should be reserved from Roy Hill, 1140 Sutter St., San Francisco 9, at 50¢ per case.
Dealers wishing bourse space should apply to Ed Fogler, 404 - 12th St., Oakland 7. Charge is $15 per table.

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THE CLASSICAL COLLECTORS - As Prof. Wallace Todd has to be away on the night his talk was scheduled, the next meeting will be at the home of Dr. George Landegger, 130 North Catalina St., Los Angeles, January 21. Tom Ward will speak on "The Symbols on Roman Republican Coins".
At the December meeting Earle Stanton reported on his recent trip to the Mediterranean countries - Egypt, Greece, Palestine, Jordan, Syria, etc. He exhibited very fine colored pictures, chiefly of ruins and other antiquities, with Capt. Nick Jangochian operating the projector. Earle also displayed souvenirs he brought back; Roman lamps, Egyptian statuettes, and other ancient relics.
Earle almost got pinched in Jordan; he took a picture of what he thought was a ruin, but turned out to be a fort - and hence a military secret. The military grabbed him; but of course a silver-tongued lawyer like Earle can always talk himself out of a scrape like that. So no international incident developed.

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But we can't help wondering how he would have felt in a Jordan jail.

COINAGE DURING SEPTEMBER, 1954

	Philadelphia	San Francisco	Denver
Half dollars $	8,356.00		
Quarters	374,178.00	675,680.50	320,000.00
Dimes	2,938,671.20		
Nickels	116,435.00	366,400.00	858,400.00
Cents	31,867.00	20,850.00	990,900.00
Cumulative, January to September, 1954 (pieces):			
Half dollars	13,296,255	4,993,400	25,445,580
Commemorative half dollars	12,006	122,024	12,006
Quarters	39,842,255	4,350,722	38,924,000
Dimes	109,500,255	22,860,000	106,397,000
Nickels	47,794,150	29,384,000	69,835,060
Cents	53,320,150	38,440,000	158,920,000

The commemorative half dollars are Booker T. Washington and George Washington Carver.

Bill Bell has been speaking on Biblical coins at churches, clubs, schools, etc., and his talks have been very well received; there is more interest in coins among the general public than we sometimes think. Bill illustrates his lectures with a display of Jewish and related specimens, and also uses slides projected on a screen.

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Bill says that his only trouble is in keeping his talks short enough. When he starts talking on coins, there is so much to say that he has difficulty in shutting himself up.

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That's the way it should be; any collector who really understands his coins should have no trouble in talking for at least fifteen minutes on a single coin in his series. Can YOU do it?

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Unnecessary inquiry: has it been cold enough for you this month? We should complain about this weather to the Chamber of Commerce: what do they think we moved to California for?

The Hermit of Skunk Hollow says that everything is so frozen up out in his hills that when he got in an argument with a skunk, he got hit in the face with a shower of hailstones.

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The energetic librarian of the A.N.A., Gene DeNise, reports that she sometimes gets very tough questions to answer. So as she is used to tough questions, we sent her the following ones to work on:

(1) What is the name of the ship appearing on Roman Republican bronzes?
(2) What is its tonnage?
(3) What is the captain's name?

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So far, we ain't got an answer.

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It now is official for us to have the Berkeley convention in the Hotel Claremont; Irving and Mattie Knickerbocker went there and stayed for a night - and they report it O.K.

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With Paul Boltz retiring as treasurer and Paul Hamm taking on the job, we wonder if all S.D.N.S. treasurers are supposed to be named Paul.

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If so, maybe we should start training Paul Johnson and Paul Zakwalen as future treasurers.

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There is no truth in the rumor that Jim Anderson is taking boxing lessons to prepare for his new job of president.

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NATIONAL COIN WEEK will be April 23-29. So it isn't too soon for us to start planning our program. Last year we got second award; let's make it first this time.

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Shouldn't we start giving the juniors a little more attention? We haven't put on anything special for them for some time.

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LAREDO, Tex., Dec. 12 (UP) - Federal agents today arrested three men and two women in a Laredo hotel and seized three plates for making counterfeit $20 notes on the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, Ga.
The five persons arrested were scheduled to appear for a preliminary hearing tomorrow before U.S. Commissioner Frank Y. Hill.
They were identified as William Hester, 36, and John C. Thompson, 22, both of Columbia, S. C., Ralph P. Shaw, 31, Anderson, S. C., and Consuelo Shaw, 35, and Concepcion Hester, 22.
Albert D. Richards, U.S. customs agent at Laredo said the plates were brought out of Mexico, but seized before they could be used.

- San Diego Union

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Louie Walrath has sold his sheet metal works. And just as we were about to persuade him to make us a lot of coin cases for free.

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Well, we won't be able to blame him for any sheet metal money that turns up in the future.

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Similar as confusing as a coin transaction between Charlie Leuschner and Clive Foss.

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Now the editor has to rest up to stand all the excitement of installation night.

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We had unusually fine exhibits, which are described beyond. Many of the displays were large, and included some very attractive material. Many were artistically arranged and decorated.

The entertainment was well planned, the main entertainer being Emmy Lestina of the television shows who gave an excellent serio-comic talk on her experience in the WAC's.

Some valuable door prizes were given, among them being a radio donated by Harry Calloway of the Thearle Music Co.; this is the fifth successive year he has made this generous contribution. An unusual prize was a pedigreed parakeet of show quality.

Harry Bouchard acted as master of ceremonies - and did a very good job, too.

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Bell, Lyle Gordon, and Francis Jones.

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OUR MAIN SPEAKER was Don Sherer of Phoenix, Arizona, who came especially to address us on National Coin Week - and he sure was welcome. Don is a member of the A.N.A. Board of Governors and was chairman of the National Coin Week committee in 1954. He gave us a lot of information about the program from the chairman's point of view. He explained how exhibits and other activities were judged, and a number of things he said should help us to get first place this year instead of second, as we did in 1954. We are sure that Francis Jones and Atwood MacDonald, who will handle our program, soaked up all of Don's information. National Coin Week this year will be April 23-29.
We all were very glad to hear Don speak and to meet him personally, and hope this will by no means be his last visit to us. It shouldn't be; as while he was here he joined the S.D.N.S., and so he now ought to attend as a regular member.

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Doc Ray Wilson was installing officer - to his surprise, as he didn't know he was until he was told so that night. But anyway he did the installing all right; you can't confuse Doc by surprising him like that.

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As the installation fell on Sam Kaboalo's birthday, he was given the old "Happy birthday to you!" routine, and presented with a cake manufactured by Francis Jones.

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Past President Frenchy Vigneault was presented with a plaque by Atwood MacDonald; part of its decorations were a 1953 and a 1954 half dollar, indicating the two years Frenchy served.

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Atwood also presented ex-Secretary Francis Jones with a bound volume of the S.D.N.S. Bulletin - after Francis thought he would be done with the thing.

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Frenchy Vignoault gave his farewell address as past president - or as he called it, his "last words". Here it is:

I would like to express my appreciation to the membership of this club for the privilege it bestowed on me of being its president during 1953 and 1954. I have made every effort to serve you adequately, and I hope that I have done so in my humble way.

Those of us who have watched this little old club grow over a period of years are impressed by its high standing, not only among the leading clubs on this coast, but of the entire nation. This, of course, is the result of the untiring efforts of many faithful members. If the club is to grow stronger, not only in numbers but in achievements, it must be the work of not just a select few, but of all of us working closely together throughout the coming years.

Again I'll say it has been truly a pleasure to have served you for the past two years. It has been very interesting, and educational too. It has given me a chance to see and take part in what makes a club like ours click. Yes, we have had our share of success; and keeping in mind that it has not all been a bed of roses, we remind you that you gave me a good staff of officers and directors, and above all, a good supply of hard working men and women to work with.

There is one special person with whom I have been in very close contact during the past two years, and who has helped me very much. I don't know how I could have done without him. His good advice and suggestions came in very handy, and were often used. I don't believe I have ever come in contact or worked with anyone nicer to get along with. He is no other than our fine ex-secretary, Mr. Francis Jones.

Our refreshment committees whose work was carried on mostly by the opposite sex did very good jobs. The men helped, too. What would a meeting be without some refreshments?

Our meeting programs were carried out by various members who are to be highly complimented.

The auctions under the supervision of our able vice

president, Mr. Anderson, assisted by Dr. Wallace, Mr. Knickerbocker, Mr. Walrath, Mr. Johnston, and our good friend from the north, Mr. Kabeale, went off without a hitch. Our good treasurer, Mr. Paul Boltz who guarded and kept track of our wampum gets our thanks too. Our board of directors did well in straightening out many little and large difficulties. The committee in charge of National Coin Week were on their toes, too. The receiving of second place for the entire nation speaks for itself. And we all take our hats off to the committee which made such a fine showing when given the Del Mar Fair exhibit program to take care of.

I don't know what we will do if Tom Ward ever gets mad at us, because I know we all will miss that little old Bulletin. And we are indebted to Mr. Anderson for many beautiful - and free - flowers.

Other committees, too many to mention, also deserve thanks; such as those in charge of our June dinners, our by laws, our past installation dinners, and so forth.

In closing I think it is all important that you be reminded of the good working staff you have elected to carry on. Remember also that they cannot carry the entire load; so pitch in and lend a helping hand for another successful year.

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Our new president, Jim Anderson, didn't have nearly so much to say. He said he wasn't very much of a talker, but he would try to be a worker, and do his best to serve us. We believe him - and look forward to another prosperous S.D.N.S. year.

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Atwood MacDonald made a faux pas (pronounced "Fox's papa") when Gene Johnston won a door prize; he said it entitled him to "his choice of the women". What Atwood meant to say, was that it entitled him to his choice of the flowers.

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Eugene Cooper appointed himself official photographer; and he was a busy guy, too. It seemed to us as if his flashlight bulbs were always popping.

INSTALLATION NIGHT EXHIBITS

Jim Anderson: Plastic U.S. flag with commemorative half dollars set in the stars, accompanied by explanations of all pieces

Bill Bell: Transparancies of Biblical coins mounted in an illuminated cabinet

Clay Borghli: Indian and Lincoln cents; standing Liberty and Washington quarters; Civil War tokens

Karl Brainard: $2.50 gold pieces; U.S. commemorative gold; St. Gaudens $20 with Roman date; $50 Assay Office piece

Eugene Cooper: Many medals of the Society of Medallists

Don Daly: U.S. gold type set; U.S. proof sets; Mexican 20-peso gold pieces 1921-31; Festival of Britain and other British proofs

Harry Davidson: U.S. gold type set

Mildred Fischer: Coins of Panama

Frank Hernandez: Extremely large showing of crowns of the entire world - over 1700 specimens

Gene Johnston: "Gold of the World" - many specimens of modern gold, including the Orient

Francis Jones: U.S. type set; U.S. proofs; wooden "nickels"; Queen Elizabeth II Coronation coins

Irving Knickerbocker: U.S. gold, including commemoratives; 2¢ pieces; both 3¢ pieces; Chinese odd shaped coins

Abe Kosoff: A Stella; gold dollars; Washington and Lincoln tokens in gold; 1804 dollar pattern

Atwood MacDonald: His comprehensive collection of transportation tokens; patterns

Jack Mayer: Large cents; 1869 proof set

Lew Penosh: "Money is Funny" - groups of coins, each with a poetic comment: the "poems" are given beyond

Frenchy Vigneault: Broken bank and Confederate bills

Doc Bruce Wallace: Crowns; Chinese dollars; large, Indian, and Lincoln cents; Liberty and Indian nickels; half cents; 2¢ pieces; dollars; U.S. proofs; Greek and Roman bronze and silver; U.S. commemorative medals; lodge and convention badges

Elise Wallace: Commemorative half dollars, complete and uncirculated

Tom Ward: Roman brockages, each accompanied by an equivalent normal coin

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In addition there were two "comic" displays. Both Frenchy Vignault and Atwood MacDonald showed cartoons referring to coins, along with the coins mentioned and various other appropriate articles.

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One of Atwood's exhibits was a plaster model of a piece of Yap stone "money", about four feet in diameter. Clive Foss thought it was a cake and looked for it to be cut; but maybe Atwood should have been forced to wear it around his neck.

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Harry Davidson, Abe Koseff, and Sam Kabealo were asked to judge the displays, and they made the following awards: Special, Lew Panosh; 1st, Francis Jones; 2nd, Doc Bruce Wallace; 3rd, Tom Ward; 4th, Frank Hernandez; Honorable Mention, Atwood MacDonald, Olav Berghli, Don Daly, Frenchy Vignault, and Bill Bell.

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Our descriptions of the exhibits are not at all complete; many other fine specimens were shown, and we give you only a sketch of the most striking material. They were unusually fine and well varied, and more extensive than usual.

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Many exhibitors used special mountings or background material to increase the attractiveness of their showings. Jim Anderson's flag was in itself a bright display piece. Olav Berghli used neat frames for all his coins and tokens; Eugene Cooper had mounted his medals on some unusual plaques; Mildred Fischer used a black

velvet drape and a picture of Balboa to set off her Panama coins; Frank Hernandez topped his display with hundreds of foreign flags of the nations whose crowns he showed; Gene Johnston's gold coins were mounted separately in plastic; Atwood MacDonald's tokens were effectively shown on a large explanatory card; and in fact, frames and plastic holders were used to advantage by most exhibitors.

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Here are the "poems" which accompanied each group of coins in Lew Panosh's display:

Some coins are old - and some are new,
But the ones I get are all too few.

Some money is silver - and some is gold,
But don't overlook the kind you fold.

Some coins are dull - and some are bright,
Some are heavy and some are light.

Some coins are nickel - and some are brass,
And here is one shows a kicking ass.

Some coins are tin - and some are a feather,
And then there was money made of leather.

Some coins are round - but some are square,
And some don't seem to be all there.

Some coins are thick - and some are thin,
And there is one shows a fish's fin.

Some coins are big - and some are small,
And some are round as a bullet ball.

Some coins are porcelain - and some are shell,
And there are coins that look like hell.

Some coins show women - and some show men,
And some remind one of the lion's den.

Some mention death - and some speak of peace,
And some tell the date of a man's decease.

Some coins show bridges - and some show birds,
And some the animal of the thundering herds.

Some coins are holed - and some are scallopped,
And some look as though they had been wallopped.

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The Hermit of Skunk Hollow backed his coin display

with two (imitation) skunks, one of which had been presented to him by Irving Berghli and the other by Irving Knickerbocker. Next time he looked, there were three skunks. Well, knowing about the birds and bees the Hermit knew that where there are two skunks there might appear a third; but just the same, it seemed very sudden.

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However, there always is an explanation. Little Billy Cooper was responsible for the extra skunk; he worked a long time on it, and donated it when the Hermit wasn't looking. It was quite an artistic skunk, too.

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Louie and Gail Walrath arrived barely in time for the dinner, having been delayed for a sad reason. Eleven months ago Gail's brother-in-law, Ned Smith, was badly injured in an auto accident; and finally died. Louie and Gail had been attending his funeral in Bakersfield that day.

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EXHIBITS AT OUR FEBRUARY MEETING:

Douglas Decker, Jr.: Lincoln cents and Washington quarters, with Lincoln and Washington pictures and other material

Frank Hernandez: Crowns of Italy and the Vatican

Francis Jones: Representative series of U.S. coins

Bill Roberts: Wooden "nickels", including many round ones; Presidential medals; commemorative half dollars

Frenchy Vigneault: His "comic" display, as shown at our installation

Doc Bruce Wallace: U.S. type set

Tom Ward: Roman coins of the Emperor Hadrian

In addition, the society's own collection was on display.

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The pictures taken at the installation by Eugene Cooper may be had from Francis Jones. Unfortunately, due to a camera defect, many were spoiled but the others are very good.

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NEW MEMBERS TO WELCOME THIS MONTH:

CARREY, Michael P.	1218 Fullen Ave., Los Angeles 19
DECKER, Douglas E., Jr.	2837 - K Ave., National City
GRIFFIN, Stanley	5208 Alta Vista, San Diego 9
MURRAY, James	P. O. Box 2056, San Diego 12
SHERER, Don	2212 North 15th Ave., Phoenix, Arizona

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Besides these new members, an old one came back: Robert Stokes. He has been away for some time, but we hope he's here now to stay.

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Mike Carey is, as most of you know, the senior numismatist in this area. Among other things, he holds the 50-year gold A.N.A. medal, and is the author of various articles, including the book "Emperors of Rome".

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After missing several meetings, Bill Roberts is back. He was at sea. Sorry we can't tell you what he was doing, as it is part of a "hush-hush" project.

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Doc Calvert Emmons and Doc Glenn Curtis both are out of hospital, but neither is yet entirely well - as we hope they'll soon be. And Gene Johnston has been complaining about some leg trouble, which we hope will not amount to anything.

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THE PROGRAM AT OUR NEXT MEETING will be a recording of the main speech made at the Riverside convention. Don't miss it; we can assure you that it is an unusual speech.

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Secretary Lyle Gordon wishes your attention brought to offers made by both the "Numismatic News" and the "Coin Collector". Yearly subscriptions to each are $2 per year; but if you subscribe through the club,

the publishers allow our own treasury to keep half. Both of these papers contain much information, and Lyle can show you sample copies.

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FINANCIAL REPORT - Our new treasurer, Paul Hamm, is doing all right. We found $416 in the treasury, and his first month he ran it up to $475. If he does this every month, we should be able to declare a Christmas dividend.

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Although paul ran our balance up, Don Smith tried to run it down again. He acted as auction cashier, and came out 5¢ short.

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Don couldn't understand that 5¢ discrepancy, but we have a possible explanation. When Doc Bruce Wallace paid for an auction lot with a bunch of miscellaneous coins, an 1866 ray nickel was among them. So Don switched the nickel, this resulting in the 5¢ shortage.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS - Bill Roberts to 3104 Hill St., San Diego 6. H. M. Hepperly to 4678 Santa Cruz Ave., San Diego 7.

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THE SAN FRANCISCO MINT IS CLOSING - For some time there has been a rumor to this effect, and it now is definite. Doc Bruce Wallace discussed this at our last meeting, and read a letter he received from the Director. The present program calls for the striking of cents and dimes only; until April, when the mint will be "moth-balled". Various protests have been made by Californians, and Doc suggests our writing to officials and congressmen to ask that at least a complete series of 1955 coins be struck. Among the reasons given for the mint's closing is that coins can be made cheaper and more efficiently at Denver and Philadelphia; and that new fast machinery has resulted in an oversupply of coins.

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NATIONAL COIN WEEK, April 23-29 - Francis Jones spoke on this project, and asked everyone to cooperate with

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in making displays. We are sure we all will - as we did last year. We got second award in 1954, and we want first in 1955. Francis will dig up a lot of locations for displays - and maybe you can dig up some too. And we will need speakers.

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The lunch at our last meeting had a Valentine's Day motif, and it was supplied, prepared, and served by the Chamberlain and Wallace families. And they paid for it themselves. This got a lot of applause; it is remarkable how many people are ready to cheer for a free lunch.

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THE CLASSICAL COLLECTORS - The next meeting of this organization will be at the home of Harold Donald, 19221 Oxnard St., Tarzana, March 18.

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CORRECTION - Last month we called Bill Ehlers the Longfellow of Chula Vista. That ain't right. He lives in La Mesa, so we should have called him the Tennyson of La Mesa.

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Clyde Heaton asks for more auction material.

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We had a lot more stuff to tell you, but here we go running out of space again. For which you should be glad.

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And Elise Wallace had a sudden trip to Mercy Hospital for an emergency operation. She was in a serious condition for several days, but we are pleased to say that she is a lot better, and is at home. However she is still under the doctor's care. We wish her too a speedy and complete recovery.

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Also, we regret that Abe Beck has been ill. It began with a cold that somehow settled in his facial muscles, resulting in their partial paralysis. After having a very uncomfortable time he now is a lot better - although not yet quite well - and was able to be at our last meeting. We want him to continue improving.

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NEW MEMBERS TO WELCOME THIS MONTH:

CARLYLE, R. J.	4621 Euclid Ave., San Diego 15
ELSON, Gordon W.	889 Grossmont Ave., El Cajon
HAYS, Don	3074 Boston Ave., San Diego 13
HUGHES, Douglas	1121 Vista Way, Chula Vista
MILLER, Jack S.	6613 Pacific Highway, San Diego 9
SMALL, Capt. Robert M.	552 BM Squadron, McClellan Air Base, Sacramento
SUMTER, Earl	4440 Lamont St., San Diego
WEST, Sue	P. O. Box 1337, San Diego 12

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Just to keep the record straight, we should explain that Capt. Small did not fly all the way down from Sacramento just to join the S.D.N.S. He is attending a special school here. The captain said he didn't know how long he would be around, as a military man can't tell "if he will be in Liberia one week and in Japan the next".

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It's too bad that the captain's school ain't a school of numismatics, so he could stay at the S.D.N.S.

"OTHER HOBBY" NIGHT, which we hold once a year, is on the agenda for our April 4 meeting. This means that you are to bring whatever else than coins in which you are interested - stamps, Ming China, swords, old shoes, Greek statues, or anything else which occupies whatever time you spare from coins. Doc Bruce Wallace says that anyone displaying coins that night in place of other hobbies will be severely fined - maybe as high as 5¢.

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However if your hobby is horseback riding, just leave your horse at the bicycle rack outside the hall. We'll go out and look at it there.

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EXHIBITS AT OUR LAST MEETING:

Olav Berghli: Hard times tokens, 1834-41; Civil war tokens and tradesmen's cards; 1861 mint medal showing oath of allegiance required of mint workmen

Al Conyne: Fine U.S. gold pieces too many to list in detail, but among them the commemoratives, $3 and $5 from all mints including Dahlonega, $2.50 complete, $5 of the earliest issues, and all types of $20; 1906 proof set

Frank Hernandez: Double and multiple talers, including very large and beautiful specimens

Paul Johnson: Chinese and Japanese paper money; a Colorado private trade dollar; illegal ornaments made of U.S. coins

Francis Jones: Type set of commemorative half dollars

Frenchy Vigneault: Morgan and Peace dollars; 2¢ and 3¢ pieces

Tom Ward: Roman bronzes of the Emperor Antoninus Pius with "picture" reverses - buildings, animals, donation scenes, etc.

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Sometimes we wonder if Francis Jones and Lyle Gordon give their undivided attention to the S.D.N.S. At any

rate, when the last meeting began, they were engaged in a game of chess at the secretary's table.

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Lyle won - in case you are interested.

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Our lunch was prepared and served by Florence Wilson, and Lew and Anna Panosh. Anna said it was supposed to be a husband-and-wife job, but it came out 5% husband and 95% wife.

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We plan having our own "wooden nickels" made; that is, with S.D.N.S. designs. We hope to get them by National Coin Week, but there is some doubt if they can be finished that soon.

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Our March meeting looked like the biggest we have ever had in point of attendance. We didn't count noses - but maybe Secretary Lyle Gordon did. The hall was full, and we even had to put out extra chairs.

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FINANCIAL REPORT - When we saw Treasurer Paul Hamm carrying a cigar box, we thought maybe it was the strong box containing the S.D.N.S. funds. And as it was only a half size box, we feared we were almost busted.

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"DONT ANYBODY LEAVE THE ROOM!" - When Paul gave his financial report, he concluded by saying that we also owned a lot of proof sets - but he didn't know where they were.

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Frank Hernandez is donating several volumes of the "Numismatist", with the suggestion that they be auctioned off for the benefit of our convention fund. Thanks, Frank.

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We apologize for the recording of Doctor Jose Santiago's speech being so poor when we played it at our last meeting. It really was a very fine speech, but due to some defect in the tape or the recorder, it was barely understandable, especially in the doctor's Brazilian accent.

"PANOSH FOR PRESIDENT!" We mean president of the A.N.A., not of the U.S. Although we might take that idea up later. What we are getting at is that we want Lew Panosh as A.N.A. president in 1955-56. We have nominated him - and will vote for him. Those of us who know Lew so well don't have to be told anything about his qualifications; but those who do not should be told that he has them all. So far this is the only nomination we have sent in to the A.N.A., but we will take up nominations of other officers at our next meeting.

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A NEW COIN DEALER IN SAN DIEGO is Rowland Stokes. He says he kind of got into the coin business by accident; anyway he now has his place open at 732 - E St., and invites everybody to drop in. He is also working on a plan thereby you can exchange your duplicates or other unwanted coins for merchandise, thus getting better value than by selling the coins, and then spending the money.

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NATIONAL COIN WEEK - Francis Jones has been hard at work on this project. He has a lot of exhibit sites lined up, and asks you to be prepared to tell him at the next meeting what you will display. He said he is chiefly in need of numerous small exhibits - but if you are prepared to make a large one, let Francis know that too.

We have allotted Francis $100 to spend for signs or other material he judges necessary.

So let's make the best displays and put on the best programs in the country for National Coin Week, April 23-29.

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It is unfortunate that National Coin Week conflicts in dates with the C.S.N.A. convention; but if you go to the convention, Francis will take care of removing your exhibit while you are up in Berkeley.

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The convention date also conflicts with our own May meeting date, as it ends on the previous day. We will let you know what date we decide to change to.

Now that we have got onto the subject of the Berkeley convention of the California State Numismatic Association: we haven't any information additional to that we gave you before. Remember: it will be at the Hotel Claremont, Berkeley, April 28 - May 1.

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Also don't forget that the fall one will be in SAN DIEGO. As soon as Francis Jones gets National Coin Week offhis chest, he will complete convention arrangements. With all the things Francis has on hand, he is as busy as an octopus with the hives.

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The February and March meetings of the Convair Coin Club were attended - as usual - by a swarm of S.D.N.S. members. Gene Johnston even was the Convair February auctioneer. And among the guests was Ralph Mitchell, who was down here to attend the Truckers' convention at Coronado, for the purpose of promoting the sale of Associated gasoline. Therefore Convair showed him a motion picture produced by the STANDARD OIL CO.

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Being asked to speak, Ralph gave one of his inimitable impromptu talks. It consisted largely of razzberries for Gene Johnston, but he also complained about the Mission Inn bells busting up his Riverside speech - so evidently he is still sore about that.

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However we don't think that Ralph is such a good Associated gasoline salesman after all. We asked him to fill up the tank of a blue DeSoto just outside the door - and he didn't.

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Incidentally the Convair Coin Club is going to cooperate with us in our National Coin Week program, and various members have told Francis Jones that they will help. We appreciate this; and if we win a prize, we should saw it in two and give the Convair fellers and gals half.

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"YELLOW TRAVELLERS" - While on the subject of Convair, Mildred Fischer said that at that club's last social

meeting, most of the attendance was by S.D.N.S. members. This is right in line with what we said last month about S.D.N.S. members approving of a free lunch.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS - We told you that Bob Whited would have to spend a lot of time at Edwards Air Base - perhaps two years. At that time we thought that Lu was remaining in La Mesa; but she now has joined him, and their new address is: 1121 West Avenue J-12, Lancaster. This being in the middle of the Mojave Desert, we guess Bob and Lu will become a couple of desert rats. When they return to La Mesa, probably they both will be dressed like the Hermit of Skunk Hollow, with Bob wearing a long beard, and driving a couple of burros.

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Lu asks us to say how much both of them enjoyed the S.D.N.S. and the company of our members - and she looks forward to being with us again when her desert tour is over. The Whiteds missed the installation because that was the day they moved; Lu returned her banquet ticket with the suggestion we use it again next year. But we should return it to her for her to use for the installation dinner in 1957, when she will be back.

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Lu says she will miss all of us, "especially Doc Wallace's table so bountifully spread with old worn coins - mangy old Buffalos - some in such a bad state of deterioration that they have only three legs".

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AUTOMOTIVE SECTION - We used to think that people who could afford three Cadillacs at once couldn't possibly have any car troubles. But Irving and Mattie Knickerbocker say that ain't so. When they started back from Brea one night about midnight, the automatic car windows were altogether too automatic. That is, whenever Irving closed the windows, the engine quit. So in order to keep the car moving, the Knickerbockers drove all the way to San Diego with the windows wide open, on one of the coldest nights this season.

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"THERE OUGHT TO BE A LAW" DEPT. - Anna Panosh wants a city ordinance to compel all San Diego trucks to carry soft pillows fastened over their rear ends. Anna was sailing along serenely in her Ford, when suddenly she found it partly telescoped on the back of a truck. She wasn't hurt - except for her feelings. But we can't say the same about the Ford.

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Anna says the tinwork on the front of the Ford cut the most interesting patterns in the radiator - like cookie cutters.

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All we can say is that it sure is lucky for Lew Panosh that it wasn't one of his trucks that Anna hit.

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THE CLASSICAL COLLECTORS announce the following programs:
April 15 at the home of Dr. George Landegger, 2220 North Catalina St., Los Angeles. The doctor will speak on the ancient Mexican ruins he visited recently.
May 20 at the home of Capt. Nick Jangochian, 1340 Rosemoyne Ave., Glendale, where Clive Foss will speak on a subject not yet announced.
June 17 at the home of Bill Koonce, 4269 Fair Ave., North Hollywood.
At the January meeting Tom Ward spoke on "Symbols on Roman Republican Coins" and exhibited many coins showing such symbols. He explained their meanings, as far as they are known, and showed the reasons for the use of certain symbols. The purposes and ideas behind a great many are unknown, but the speaker gave guesses about these, based on a comparison with symbols of known purposes.

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Atwood MacDonald calls our attention to a page of Greek coins illustrated in "Time" of January 17. They are from the collection of Arthur Stone Dewing and at present are on display in the Fogg Museum, Harvard University. There is not much information in the text, but 14 outstanding specimens are nicely pictured.

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And Charlie Leuschner calls attention to an article

in the "Parade" magazine section of the San Diego Union, March 6. This deals with counterfeiting of coins (not paper money), and several counterfeit half dollars are illustrated.

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The San Diego Union also reports the retirement of one of our members - -

A postal employee more than 36 years, Thomas A. Wagler 56 will retire Monday as a clerk in the main San Diego Post Office. Wagler is a veteran of both world wars, Postmaster William E. Krenning said. He joined the postal service Sept. 8, 1919, and served in New York City prior to coming to San Diego. He lives at 4873 Biona Dr.

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Doc Bruce Wallace is working on the program for our exhibits at the San Diego County Fair (whose name now is changed to Southern California Exposition, it seems). He reported his conversations with Paul Mannen, the general manager, with whom he is keeping in close touch. Mr. Mannen heartily approved of our displays in 1954 and wants more this year. Doc expects to obtain the use of more cases than in 1954, and a larger floor space.

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LITERARY REVIEW - In the coin club reports in the "Numismatist", Secretary Will Spence of the Los Angeles Coin Club reports an average attendance of 102.6 in 1954. While we congratulate the L.A.C.C. on such a good attendance, the figure .6 kind of puzzles us. Has anyone seen any .6 of a numismatist at any meeting?

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We can only conclude that .6 of a member is one who has paid only .6 of his dues.

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Then too, the report of the Tulsa Coin Club says they met in Judge Eben Taylor's courtroom; but it doesn't say what they were charged with.

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Olav Berghli has joined the A.N.A.

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President Jim Andersen's list of appointive officers and committeemen got squashed out last month because we miscalculated our space; so now here they are:

MEMBERSHIP: Lt. Walter Luttmer, Louie Fischer, Frenchy Vigneault, Johann Johnson, Ace Newman, Eugene Cooper, Louie Walrath, Clive Foss
PROGRAMS: Doc Bruce Wallace, Douglas Decker, Sr., Don Daly
AUCTIONS: Don Smith, Clyde Heaton
PUBLICITY: Lyle Gordon, Atwood MacDonald, Francis Jones
COUNTY FAIR EXHIBITS: Doc Bruce Wallace, Francis Jones
REFRESHMENTS: Mattie Knickerbocker
LIBRARIAN: Francis Jones
PARLIAMENTARIAN: Lew Ponosh
EDITOR: Tom Ward
A.N.A. DELEGATE: Doc Ray Wilson
HONORARY EUROPEAN REPRESENTATIVE: Spink and Son, Ltd.

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So Jim Andersen appointed the same old Bulletin editor once again, despite our suggestion that we get a good one instead. But Jim says he is confident that the S.D.N.S. Bulletin isn't getting any worse. Because it couldn't.

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About that membership roster that we are going to get out sometime-or-other: in order to have you listed right, you ought to check up with Secretary Lyle Gordon to make sure that your present address is correct on his records. And that your name is spelled properly. You might also tell us if there is any special way you want to be listed - full name or initials only - business or home address - if you married gals want your own Christian names listed - and so on.

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THE BAY CITIES COIN CLUB now meets on the 4th Wednesday of each month at Douglas Recreation Hall, Ocean Park Blvd., Santa Monica.

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THE OCEANSIDE-CARLSBAD COIN CLUB is in the process of organizing, and we will have more information later.

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COINAGE DURING NOVEMBER, 1954

	Philadelphia	San Francisco	Denver
Half dollars $	14,306.00		
Quarters	1,902,153.00	475,000.00	272,000.00
Dimes	2,861.20		
Nickels	1,430.00		808,800.00
Cents	30,736.00	200,000.00	295,000.00

The Philadelphia mint also struck for Costa Rica in stainless steel: 304,000 1-colon and 500,000 2-colones.

Doc Bruce Wallace has been invited by President Judd of the A.N.A. to serve on that organization's awards committee.

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SQUARE COINS? Why don't they mint coins square instead of round so that when they fall they don't roll out of sight or down drains and get lost?

- S. Gilson, Derby

Editor: But wouldn't your cornered coins wear out pockets more quickly?

- Tit-Bits

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And here we come to the end of another number of what Mike Carey very properly calls

THE COMPLETELY AND ENTIRELY UN-NUMISMATIC BULLETIN

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Speaker: Dr. Ray Wilson on "The Coinage of Newfoundland"

"OTHER HOBBY NIGHT" at our last meeting brought out a varied lot of items other than coins, in which our members are interested. It always does; but this time we had more than usual, and had to put out extra tables in order to hold everything. It was a completely un-numismatic evening, at which the following displays were made, with each exhibitor briefly explaining his showing.

Jim Andersen: An antique cylinder and horn phonograph in operating condition

Bob Andersen: Many cartridges for all types of guns, antique and modern, ranging in size from ½" long up

Mary Bowler: Antique brooches, medals, lodge and other badges, pins and charms she gathered while in Europe many years ago

Eugene Cooper: Porcelain owls, with an Athenian "owl" tetradrachm which gave him the idea of collecting them

Sandra Decker: Old picture post cards, both scenic and comic

Wildred Fischer: Fancy hats made by herself

Lyle Gordon: Chinese chessmen; cribbage and bolwing equipment

Frank and Irene Hernandez: Miniature pitchers from various states and countries, many very novel, including English tobies

Douglas Hughes: Indian pottery and stone artifacts

Paul Johnson: Mineral specimens, including some very fine crystals, polished pieces, and geodes

Gene Johnston: Very elaborate specimens of Chinese carved ivories, both ancient and modern examples

Irving Knickerbocker: Daguerrotypes; advertising pencils; match books

Mattie Knickerbocker: Antique jewelry - necklaces, bracelets, brooches, etc. - from many countries, some of them 150 years old

Charlie Leuschner: Old fountain pens; mechanical advertising pencils

Tom McDaniel: First day covers; post cards, including misprints; cents rolled and inscribed as souvenirs of expositions

Mrs. Tom McDaniel: Fancy and souvenir spoons

Minnie MacDonald: Glassware of many nations

H. J. Reinohl: British and American bus and street car tickets, transfers, passes, and other transportation forms; hand painted pictures of London busses back to 1820; pictures of old horse cars, including the first one in San Diego

Capt. Robert Small: Mechanical advertising pencils

Don Smith: An aquarium containing guppies and zebra fish, including some special cross breeds of his own

Frenchy Vigneault: First day covers

Doc Bruce Wallace: Swords and daggers; meteorites; old spectacles, including the first type of bi-focals; gem and mineral specimens; the weapons used by his grandfather in the Civil War; a "toothpick picture"

Tom Ward: Postage stamps of the Indian Native States

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On motion of Doc Wallace, it was decided to award ribbons for the best displays, and Mrs. Decker, Mrs. Stuart, and Mrs. Smith were appointed as judges - which was a tough job. Their decisions were: 1st, Gene Johnston; 2nd, Doc Bruce Wallace; 3rd, Douglas Hughes; 4th, H. J. Reinohl. Junior awards: 1st, Paul Johnson; 2nd, Bob Andersen; 3rd, Sandra Decker.

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Jim Andersen played his old phonograph; it was a little feeble and tinny, but just the same it sounded

better than a lot of the modern stuff we hear on the radio these days.

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Along with his porcelain owls, Eugene Cooper showed a porcelain skunk in special honor of the Hermit of Skunk Hollow. We said he got his idea of owl collecting from his owl tetradrachm; but we don't at the moment recall any coin with a skunk picture to inspire him to collect skunks.

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Mary Bowler said she regretted that she wasn't a collector when she was in Europe, as she would have accumulated a lot more things. Still, she seems to have done pretty good as it is.

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Besides the fancy hats she displayed, Mildred Fischer wore one she also made. So we claim she should have spent the evening with her head laid on the table with the rest of her exhibit.

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Lyle Gordon said his main non-numismatic hobbies are chess, bowling, and cribbage - which explains his display.

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Lew Panosh lifted Lyle's bowling ball, and then remarked that he had done a lot of bowling when he was young, but that they seemed to use a much heavier ball now.

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The explanation of the Hernandez pitcher collection was given by Frank. He said he started Irene collecting them so she would shut up about his coins.

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Paul Johnson said he expected to exhibit his minerals at the County Fair again this year "if the army doesn't grab me first".

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This is the first time we saw Gene Johnston's Chinese ivories, and they are very beautiful works of art. Many are very old, and quite valuable.

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When we first saw Irving Knickerbocker's daguerrotypes

we thought they were ancestral portraits - distinguished Knickerbockers of the past. Irving also exhibited a large ball of string he had collected, which seems to be an extreme economy for a feller able to afford three Cadillacs at once. Maybe when he gets that string ball a little larger, he will be able to sell it, and buy himself another Cadillac.

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On viewing the McDaniel Spoon collection, Ed Memel remarked that he also had some ornate spoons, including one of Kaiser Wilhelm II. The Hermit of Skunk Hollow then said that the Kaiser once caused him a lot of inconvenience - to which Lew Panosh added that the Kaiser landed him in hospital for seven years. It's kind of funny to look back at how we cursed the Kaiser in World War I; compared to the hot potato heading Germany in World War II, the Kaiser was a mild old gentleman.

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An unusual exhibit was Don Smith's aquarium of live fish. And speaking of fish exhibits, where was the one of that prominent piscatorialist, Mrs. Isaac Walton - in other words, Phyllis Lowthian?

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And where was Doc Ray Wilson's display that night? He could have made a display of slightly used teeth, as his "other hobby" is pulling 'em.

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Doc could have put a display of them alongside of Gene Johnston's exhibit; then we could have had Gene's stuff marked "Antique Chinese Ivories" and Doc's marked "Modern American Ivories".

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With all the cartridges Bob Andersen has, he should now go a step further, and try collecting guns - one gun to fit each cartridge.

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The "toothpick picture" of Doc Bruce Wallace wasn't a picture of toothpicks as you might imagine; it was a picture of a group of flamingoes which Doc painted entirely by using toothpicks instead of brushes. We ain't no art expert so ain't qualified to give any

technical verdict on its art; but it looked pretty good to us.

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Mattie Knickerbocker had some difficulty repacking her jewelry back in the boxes in which she brought it; our own suggestion that she wear it all to save the trouble of packing it, got a cold reception.

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Anyway if Mattie wore all that stuff at once, it's likely she couldn't have stood up.

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"THE COINAGE OF NEWFOUNDLAND" will be the subject of a talk by Doc Ray Wilson at our next meeting. This will be accompanied by a display of Newfoundland coins, of which Doc has an almost complete collection; as most of you know, he specializes in Canada and Newfoundland.

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NEW MEMBERS WE WELCOME THIS MONTH:

ANDERSEN, Robert Lee	5186 Los Altos Road, San Diego 9
DEWITT, Freddie	8506 Iverson St., San Diego 11
FREEMAN, Donald	8573 Iverson St., San Diego 11
SCHERER, Dr. A. G.	Embassy Hotel, San Diego
YOUNG, Keith W.	4460 Arch St., San Diego 16

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Besides these, an old member put in a re-appearance; we were glad to see Edgar Milow at the last meeting. We didn't know it, but he had been ill for over a year - and we sure hope he now is all over it.

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CORRECTION: Last month the name of the first listed new member was spelled "CARLYLE". This should have been "CARLISLE".

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We were very much disappointed that Elise Wallace did not make the recovery we all hoped and prayed for, and she is extremely ill. When she left the hospital after her operation, we had hoped this would be followed by

a fast recovery; however a few days later she was compelled to go back again. After about two weeks she again was sent home, where she now is, although she remains in a grave condition. She has the deepest sympathy of us all - and so does Doc.

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In this connection Doc Bruce Wallace stated that many blood transfusions are necessary for Elise, and appealed for volunteers to donate blood. He got a lot of them at once, but may need more; so if you care to donate, do so at the San Diego Blood Bank, 3405 - 4th Ave., San Diego, stating that the blood is for Mrs. Margaret Elise Wallace.

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We also are sorry that Gene Johnston's eye trouble continues; he now wears a patch over his left eye, which stops the double vision, but puts an extra strain on the other eye. It seems to be a complicated sort of affliction, and the doctors have not yet decided just what to do; an operation has been suggested, but Gene is a little doubtful about operations at his age. At any rate, he expects a definite verdict in a few days, and whatever is decided, we hope it will cure Gene.

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At least we can give you good news about the illness of one of our members; Abe Beck is practically well. He came to the last meeting.

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The lunch at our last meeting was taken care of by Minnie MacDonald, Gail Walrath, and Anna Panosh. Anna didn't even try to make it a husband-and-wife program this time; no use.

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Atwood and Minnie MacDonald brought a large Easter cake; did they swipe it from the dining room of their New Palace Hotel? In fact, the whole lunch was Easter style. Mildred Fischer brought an elaborate cake made like a nest and covered with green excelsior - we mean green coconut - with chickens perched on it. The cake was auctioned off for the benefit of the convention fund, and it realized $14.00. So you can see that Mildred makes high class cakes.

COINAGE DURING DECEMBER, 1954

	Philadelphia	San Francisco	Denver
Half dollars $	25,059.50		
Quarters	72,029.75	696,000.00	279,375.00
Dimes	4,811.90		
Nickels	2,405.00		562,675.00
Cents	154,331.00	209,500.00	356,675.00
Cumulative, January to December, 1954 (pieces):			
Half dollars	13,421,503	4,993,400	25,445,580
Commemorative half dollars	12,006	122,025	12,006
Quarters	54,645,503	11,834,722	42,305,500
Dimes	114,243,503	22,860,000	106,397,000
Nickels	47,917,350	29,384,000	117,136,560
Cents	71,873,350	96,190,000	251,552,500

The commemorative half dollars are Booker T. Washington and George Washington Carver.

We were pleased to see Lester Peich back from overseas; he is on the point of retiring from the Navy, and at present he is house-hunting.

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And while we are on the subject of our Naval personnel, we congratulate Walter Luttmer. He no longer is Lieutenant Luttmer; he is LIEUTENANT COMMANDER Luttmer. He'll be an admiral yet - but of course that may take him two or three years more.

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OUR "WOODEN NICKELS" - We have a letter from the Tatham Stamp and Coin Co. stating that our order can not be completed in time for National Coin Week, and suggesting that we use them for the SAN DIEGO convention instead. We plan to do just that.

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In addition to his other National Coin Week activities Francis Jones announced a "Coin Sunday" in the Cottages of All Nations, House of Pacific Relations, Balboa Park, April 24. He asked for displays of coins of the nations who have cottages there, and for speakers to explain them. Frank Hernandez will place a large dis-

play of crowns in the central building; Frenchy Vigneault will display in the French Cottage; Olav Berghli in the Norwegian; and Atwood MacDonald in the Scottish.

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Atwood didn't say if he was going to wear the Clan MacDonald kilt while explaining his Scottish coins; but he should.

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BIG BUSINESS IN VISTA - Louie Walrath just bought another sheet metal shop in Vista. As there are only two such shops in that town and Louie now owns all of one and half of the other, that makes him a big monopolist or something. Sounds like a case for investigation under the anti-trust laws.

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NATIONAL CITY NEWS - Maybe our National City members are forming a National City branch of the S.D.N.S. At any rate the Vigneaults, the Deckers, and the Hextons have been holding coin meetings.

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Which reminds us: Clyde Hexton is practicing medicine without a license. Anyway veterinary medicine; he treated a canary bird for sore feet by clipping its claws. Maybe he is only practicing manicuring instead.

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Clyde had so much trouble fighting that bird that it is a good thing it wasn't an eagle.

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NATIONAL COIN WEEK will be right on us by the time you get this here Bulletin, so it's no use in our saying anything about it now. The same applies to the Berkeley convention. We'll give you the dope on both of these later.

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We had planned to change our May meeting date to avoid conflict with the Berkeley convention dates, but ran into several practical difficulties - the unavailability of the hall on a convenient night, the necessity of winding up National Coin Week, etc., so we left it for the regular date.

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THE CLASSICAL COLLECTORS - Next meetings of this organization:
May 20 at the home of Capt. Nick Jungochian, 1340 Rossmoyne, Glendale. Clive Foss will be speaker.
June 17 at the home of Bill Koonce, 4269 Fair Ave., North Hollywood.

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OUR NEW QUESTION-AND-ANSWER DEPT.

Q. Can you tell me how to increase my collection of Spanish-American coins at little cost?
- Ernest Lang

A. Get Charlie Leuschner to show you the place near Fallbrook where DeAnza buried his money.

Q. Why are Roman coins now so expensive?
- Clive Foss

A. They now are so old that they have accumulated an immense amount of compound interest.

Q. How can I come to meetings when the captain won't let me ashore that night?
- Walter Luttmer

A. Walk down the gangplank backwards, and he will think you are coming on board.

Q. How can I avoid more trouble with the automatic windows in my newest Cadillac?
- Irving Knickerbocker

A. Install Venetian blinds all around.

Q. Can you suggest any final treatment for a Boltz proof, after I give it its sandblast, wire brush scrub, and acid bath? - Paul Boltz

A. Sure. (1) Embed it in a cubic foot of cement; (2) bury it in the ground at a depth of five feet; (3) never dig it up again.

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NIGHT LIFE IN SKUNK HOLLOW - The Hermit of Skunk Hollow complains that if owls hoot around his place at night, he no longer dares to shoot at them. Having read that Helen Stevens is San Diego secretary of the "Night Owls", he is afraid of hitting Helen.

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We always said them Englishmen were brave. Howard Linecar printed Tom Ward's atricle in Spink's magazine.

SQUAWK DEPT. - The writer has never had any criticism of the C.S.N.A., but now does have a slight one - and it is better to blurt it out than to nurse a grouch. And I hope the criticism is constructive. This is about the poor classifications of ancient and medieval coins for the Berkeley convention exhibits. Everything from the beginning of coinage to the year 1500 A.D. is lumped together as "Ancient"; this includes 1000 years which are not ancient at all. There is no class fitting medieval coins; there is one called "Medieval", but that specifies coins from 1500 to 1800 - and that period is not medieval. It is to be hoped that for the next convention the committee optains the opinions of one or two collectors of ancient and medieval coins to prevent another misassignment. - T.W.W.

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We finally learned why Grace Brainard married Karl. She collected coins before she met him, and when she was introduced to such a congenian numismatist, she naturally married him.

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This should serve as a warning to that numismatic bachelor, Francis Jones. He must be careful about meeting single gals who collect coins.

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MORE "WOODEN NICKELS" - The Atlanta Coin Club is issuing three "wooden nickels" to celebrate a 25th anniversary. Sets are being sold at 50¢, postpaid, by Charles J. O'Donnell, 224 South Blount St., East Point, Georgia.

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Some funny things turn up in coin ads. Lew Panosh shows us one which, after listing various coins, ends with "Bottle of Schlitz Beer 65 years old".

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"IN GOD WE TRUST" will appear on our currency if Congress passes Senator Fulbright's Senate Bill 1454 and Representative Harris' House Bill 5150, both introduced this session.

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When Lew Panosh placed his National Coin Week exhibit

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in the San Diego Trust and Savings, he did so on Saturday morning; before he finished, the place closed and locked him in. He had a heck of a time getting out; but we think he missed an opportunity. He should have spent the week-end cracking the safe.

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Which would have been an economical way of adding to his collection.

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SAN FRANCISCO MINT TO CLOSE DOWN TODAY - San Francisco, March 23 (UP) - The historic San Francisco mint, which began operations during California's gold rush days 101 years ago, will close tomorrow.
The mint recently was ordered to suspend operations as an economy measure. The mint began operations April 3, 1854.
- San Diego Union

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So there's its swan song, fellers and gals.

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A New York horticulturist visiting here is quoted as saying that flowers should be treated rough; "kick them around", he says. So let's all go out to Jim Andersen's and kick his flowers around.

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NOTICE TO BOTH OF OUR READERS: The next Bulletin will be late. The editor is not only going to the convention, but taking more time off besides. Do we hear any cheers?

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SAN DIEGO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

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NEXT MEETING: Monday, June 6 at Y.M.C.A., 8th Ave. and C St., San Diego, Calif.

THE CALIFORNIA STATE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION CONVENTION

The Berkeley convention was fully up to standard - and that is high - of all these conventions. The officers and members of the East Bay Coin Club, the host club, are to be congratulated on the way things were run.

The exhibits (described beyond) were good, the dealers holding bourse tables expressed their satisfaction with sales, Leo Young's auction went well, Alec Ritchie's numismatic forum was interesting, the banquet entertainment was extraordinarily good - and the entertainment committee is to be especially commemded for the class of entertainment provided - and in general, everything went fine. Good door prizes were given, most of them contributed by dealers, and also three cases of coffee donated by Ken Allen, who is a coffee man.

Registration was a little lighter than had been anticipated, totalling 156. However there was an unusually heavy attendance of casual visitors; at times the aisles in the exhibit room were so crowded that movement was difficult. And the aisles were not narrow, either. This shows the result of good publicity in the local newspapers and on the local radio stations, thanks to Fred Monteagle who was in charge of that angle.

The Fall, 1955 convention will be in SAN DIEGO, and the Spring, 1956 one in San Jose.

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THE NUMISMATIC FORUM conducted by Alec Ritchie featured two speakers, one of them being Tom Barrett, an official of the Federal Reserve Bank, who gave interesting information about the functions and workings of that institution. The other speaker was Tom Ward;

Fred Monteagle was scheduled to speak, but he is a newspaper man and got stuck for a conference on the Salk polio vaccine problem that evening. Therefore Alec rang in Tom in his place, for a talk on Roman coins.

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NEW C.S.N.A. OFFICERS FOR 1955-56:

PRESIDENT: Robert G. McArthur, Oakland
VICE PRESIDENT: Harry S. Davidson, Los Angeles
SECRETARY-TREASURER: Thomas W. Ward, Fallbrook
LIBRARIAN-CURATOR: Stewart J. Bingham, Claremont
DIRECTORS: Dr. Nathan A. Bowers, Atherton
Leonel C. Panosh, San Diego
Dr. Calvert L. Emmons, Ontario
Charles V. Kappen, San Jose
Ralph A. Mitchell, Palo Alto

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Aside from the secretary-treasurer, it looks like a good gang of officers, under whose management we predict another good year for the association.

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And you will notice that most of these officers are also S.D.N.S. members.

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When Alec Ritchie reported his nominations, he said that the custom was to try to divide the officers evenly between the north and south; but as there is an odd number of them, that would involve using half a man. So that is where Tom Ward came in.

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Either that, or else the association was badly up against it for a secretary-treasurer.

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Anyway, having taken the job, Tom now wants the answers to two questions: (1) When does his salary begin? (2) Does this mean that he now has to learn to read and write?

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The proposed C.S.N.A. Code of Ethics was discussed. It will be printed in the "Sirloin News" so that all may become familiar with it before adoption.

CONVENTION EXHIBITS

BLOOM, Clifford H.: Gold of many nations, each piece selected for some special point of interest

BOYCE, Tom: Coins and currency of Canada and Mexico (FIRST JUNIOR AWARD)

BROWN, Kirby: Chinese odd shaped coins (FIRST JUNIOR AWARD)

CASE, Thelma: U.S. coins and paper money of 1917; Coronation coins of Queen Elizabeth II; coins of Great Britain and the British Commonwealth (THIRD AWARD FOR SPECIALIZATION)

CUTLER, Mrs. Harry: Kellogg and Co. $50 die; gold nuggets and dust; gold scale, jewelry, and other relics of the gold rush days

EMMONS, Dr. Calvert L.: Gold dollars complete (SECOND AWARD FOR U.S.)

FROST, R. J.: U.S. trade dollars

GANS, Edward: Greek and Roman silver and gold; Roman sestertii (large bronzes); Jewish coins; medieval gold; medals

GERTH, Walter G.: Odd and curious money, as Chinese odd shaped peices, Siamese "bullets" and porcelain tokens, etc. (FIRST AWARD FOR NON-CLASSIFIED)

GJUROVICH, Rudy: Smalles gold coins of many nations; large paper money; Colonial and broken bank notes; Japanese paper money

HAWLEY, Stanley S.: Athenian silver, with a chart showing the relative purchasing value of the coins (FIRST AWARD FOR ANCIENT)

HILL, Roy: Coins and paper money of Finland; numismatic books

HUDSON, Gerald L.: Lincoln cents, with an autographed photo of Lincoln (THIRD AWARD FOR U.S.)

JOHNSON, Arthur: Small cents (THIRD JUNIOR AWARD)

KAPPEN, Charles V.: Modern coins of many nations, showing examples of various sizes, shapes, and materials; currency of silk, leather, linen, and other materials (SECOND AWARD FOR MODERN)

LISS, Clifford L.: U.S. dollars

LODGE, Les: U.S. coins showing eagles (FIRST AWARD FOR U.S.)

LORET, Kurt E.: Greek and Roman coins showing gods and goddesses (SECOND AWARD FOR ANCIENT)

MOHLER, Harry. Medals, decorations, and orders of Portugal (SECOND AWARD FOR MEDALS)

OHLS, John E.: Commemorative coins of the British Commonwealth of Nations (SECOND AWARD FOR SPECIALIZATION)

OLSWANG, Dennis: Korean coins in all metals

PATTERSON, Mabel D.: Medals, decorations, and orders of many countries (FIRST AWARD FOR MEDALS)

PAYNE, Bruce: Modern British portrait coins (THIRD JUNIOR AWARD)

PERRY, Gerald C.: Coins of Queen Elizabeth I (FIRST AWARD FOR MEDIEVAL)

SALB, F. K.: A quintuple Stella; 1879 proof set; Pioneer gold, including $50 Wass Molitor, Kellogg, and Assay Office specimens; patterns; gold sets of Austria, Brazil, Montenegro, Japan, India, Roumania, Czechoslovakia, Egypt and other countries; British 5-guinea pieces; unique 1708 60-ducat Brunswick gold piece; 1869 Chinese 50-tael, one of only two known specimens

SALISBURY, William: U S. minor coins (SECOND JUNIOR AWARD)

SNEDAKER, Paul D.: Coins of half dollar size, one each of many nations, each accompanied by a flag of that nation (FIRST AWARD FOR MODERN)

STRAUCH, Milton C.: Coins of Portugal and colonies (FIRST AWARD FOR SPECIALIZATION)

THRALL, Don T.: Fractional currency, with specimens of the postage stamps illustrated thereon; encased postage stamps; coins of Germany and the German States (SECOND AWARD FOR PAPER MONEY; THIRD AWARD FOR MODERN)

WARD, Thomas W.: Early Roman Imperial denarii (SECOND AWARD FOR SPECIALIZATION)

WERLINE, Erich: Coins of Spain and Spanish possessions, especially Brabant and Flanders (THIRD AWARD FOR SPECIALIZATION)

WOLFF, William N.: Gold of Great Britain, Switzerland, Peru, Russia, and Mexico

It will be noticed that there are some "repeat" awards; that is, more than one of the same award in the same grade. These are displays that the judges considered as "ties", more than one deserving awards. The judges were Herb Bergen, Lew Ponosh, and Doc Calvert Emmons.

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Don Thrall got two awards - and we guess he deserved something extra. The poor guy was tied to the registration desk for the whole convention, and maybe the extra award was in payment for his services.

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As usual, we only give the high spots in the exhibits; they deserve more space than we can give, and many fine specimens are omitted from our descriptions.

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THE WILD WEST - we always thought that collectors needed guns to protect themselves against the dealers, but evidently it is the other way around. At any rate, Charlie Peters kept a pistol on his sales table all during the convention.

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We said the dealers did good; but the Knickerbockers must be an exception. Mattie sat at Irving's sales table eating chicken scraps, which is a clear indication that Irving didn't take in enough money to buy her a lunch.

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The Hermit of Skunk Hollow did not return immediately after the convention; his brother was very ill in Oakland so he stayed there for a while - which partly explains why this Bulletin is so darn late. We state this so it will be clearly understood that he didn't wait to attend the wine-tasting contest advertised to take place in the Hotel Claremont May 14.

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Had he attended that, he might not have got home at all.

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And if he did, this Bulletin would be even more confused than usual.

"DON'T DO AS I DO; DO AS I SAY" - Roy Hill, in charge of the displays, urged everyone to get his exhibit fixed up as soon as possible. So naturally the very last one to fix his exhibit was Roy.

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In fact, he was so late that he never finished it at all, the result being that there were labels in his exhibit without any coins for them.

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Or maybe they were those extremely rare invisible coins.

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Gil,Eaton said that Erich Werling "worked like a horse" installing the special display lights. We wish we had seen it; we would have liked to seen Erich in harness and wearing a horse collar.

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We mentioned the banquet entertainment; we repeat this was fine. It consisted of a "mud artist" who did faces in clay, a magician who did "impossible" tricks, and a puppeteer whose figures seemed alive. The entertainment committee is to be congratulated on its program.

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Of the three cases of coffee donated by Ken Allen, Kirk and Mrs. Hill won two. And Kirk needed that coffee just about as much as Carter needs pills. He has more dollars than Carter has pills, and we guess he doesn't even know exactly how many he has, within a couple of million or so.

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Anyway, he now should have no excuse for denying a cup of coffee to any deserving numismatist who begs for one.

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The only unpleasantness at the convention were the illnesses of Ed Fogler and Doc Calvert Emmons. Ed became sick and seemed to recover; but a day later he became bad enough to be removed to a hospital. Doc Emmons became weak, and had to leave the convention. We understand that both of them made good recoveries, for which we are very glad.

Also while at the convention we were very sorry to learn of the death of Col. Charles Steele in an auto accident at Palm Springs three weeks earlier. The colonel was not a S.D.N.S. member, but many of us knew him and liked him. He was a distinguished soldier for many years, not only in the U.S. forces, but he also fought in the Mexican Revolutionary wars.

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S.D.N.S. Members at the convention:

Irving Knickerbocker	Dr. Nathan Bowers
Mattie Knickerbocker	Karl Brainard
Gene Johnston	Abe Kosoff
Lew Panosh	Roy Hill
Anna Merle Panosh	John Yribarne
Tom Ward	Ed Fogler
Earl Parker	Ralph Mitchell
Kenneth Lee	Thelma Case
Dr. Calvert Emmons	

We hope we didn't omit anyone - and that if we did they will tell us so.

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The attendance from the south seemed to be lighter than usual.

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We have a few more things to tell you about the convention, but we got to start on the S.D.N.S. stuff before we run out of space. Anyway, the "Calcoin News" will give you all the important dope.

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"THE COINAGE OF NEWFOUNDLAND" was the subject of a talk by Doc Ray Wilson at our last meeting, and if you have ever heard Doc, we don't need to tell you how thoroughly he goes into any subject like this. He gave an excellent speech, illustrating it with a nice show of Newfoundland coins, and also showed slides. Besides discussing the coinage, Doc gave much information about the history of Newfoundland, a subject with which most of us are unfamiliar. The writer was away and so had the misfortune of failing to hear Doc; but we have asked him for a copy of it, which we hope to publish later.

NEW MEMBERS WE WELCOME THIS MONTH:

ALTBAUM, Martin	4406 - 48th St., San Diego 15
BARPER, Douglas	4644 Adera St., San Diego 7
CROMWELL, Richard	1690 Los Altos Road, San Diego 9
GERBER, Walter C	2952 Rosecrans, San Diego 6
GOTTSCHAL, L. T.	2019 - J Ave., National City
HIMMER, Larry	2081 Saipan Drive, San Diego
JOHNSON, Mrs. Howard	6904 Adams Ave., La Mesa
MESTLER, George L.	6125 Chenango Place, San Diego 14

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DISPLAYS AT OUR LAST MEETING, other than Doc Ray Wilson's Newfoundland exhibit:

Jim Anderson: "Coins of the Ages", including the "Widow's Mite", the first dated Spanish coin, Colonials, etc.

Paul Hamm: Late proof sets; commemorative half dollars; Lincoln cents

Paul Johnson: Presidential medals

Gene Johnston: Late proof sets and other U.S. coins; Japanese obans

Lt. Cmdr. Walter Luttmer: Large display of fractional currency. His collection is complete excepting for one specimen.

Frenchy Vigneault: Various U.S. coins

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In addition, Mildred Fischer showed the National Coin Week book which she constructed - and a very fine job she made of it, too. It's a real work of art. This is to contain our National Coin Week reports and pictures, and if we don't get first prize this year it sure won't be Mildred's fault.

We expect next month - or maybe for the next two months - to publish a complete list of our National Coin Week activities; who showed what, who talked on what, etc. It will be a long list.

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You will notice that Treasurer Paul Hamm exhibited late proofs. A couple of months ago he said he didn't know where the S.D.N.S. proofs were; but if he showed

'em, he must have found 'em.

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In case you don't know what obans are, those shown by Gene Johnston were those odd Japanese coins rectangular and oval in shape.

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Lew Panosh spoke on the Berkeley C.S.N.A. convention, and among other things said we will need more money for the SAN DIEGO convention in November. Treasurer Paul Hamm reported that we have $231.56 in the special convention fund, and we will have to increase this or else draw from our general fund. At any rate, we will spend enough dough to give the fellers and gals a good convention. It's only money, anyhow.

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OUR JUNE ANNIVERSARY DINNER was discussed, and President Jim Andersen appointed Atwood MacDonald, Douglas Decker, and Paul Hamm as the committee in charge of arrangements. This will be our next important party.

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DESIGNS FOR OUR "WOODEN NICKELS" were submitted by Sandra Decker, and were very favorably received. That is one thing about the S.D.N.S.; we can always find some member who can do anything - so naturally we had one capable of this - Sandra. Of course modesty prevents our bragging about ourselves; but just the same we do have smart members.

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We have experienced members, too; in fact we have one who has handled coins for over 190 years. We mean Spink's of London, who began in 1772.

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We would hate to blame Spink's for starting the Revolutionary War, but just the same right after they got started, that war broke out. The colonists didn't have much "hard" money, and maybe they were afraid that Spink's was going to grab it all.

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WE ARE LOSING WALTER LUTTMER - He is being transferred to Norfolk, Virginia, and probably will be gone by the time you read this. It was a dirty trick the Navy played on us; promoting Walter to lieutenant commander

(which we heartily approved of), and then taking him away (which we heartily don't). Anyway we all wish Walter well in his new station, and as San Diego is a Navy town, we hope he may find himself back here again some day.

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Also several months ago we told you that Louie Fischer was going to have to do a lot of travelling in the east this year; this now is starting, so we will miss him too. But we hope this won't keep the other Fischers, Mildred and Douglas, from coming to our meetings as usual. And too, we look forward to the time when Louie will be back to stay.

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As both Walter and Louie are officers, President Jim Andersen will name their replacements at our next meeting.

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We had a remarkable case of absenteeism at our last meeting; Mary Bowler wasn't there. For her to miss a meeting is so extraordinary that we thought of notifying the Missing Persons Bureau of the Police Department. Anyhow we are glad she wasn't ill or anything like that; because she showed up at the next Convair Coin Club meeting.

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A new combined cook and waitress took charge of the lunch at our meeting; Mrs. Paul Hamm.

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OUR SICK LIST shows improvement this month, we are pleased to say. For instance, Gene Johnston's bad eye is a lot better, although not yet completely well. And while Elise Wallace is still very ill, she rallied quite a bit - and we hope this keeps up.

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OUR COUNTY FAIR EXHIBITS - The San Diego County Fair now is the Southern California Exposition; well, whatever they call it, Doc Bruce Wallace is working on our exhibit program, and will give a final report at the next meeting. Meanwhile you might figure out what you expect to show so you can tell Doc then.

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THE CLASSICAL COLLECTORS announce that on June 17 Bill Koonce will speak on "Lydian Coins" at his home, 4269 Fair Ave., North Hollywood.

At the May meeting Clive Foss spoke on "Sassanian Coins" and gave a good history of the somewhat confused course of that empire. He distributed maps and lists of rulers to all present. Some very fine specimens of Sassanian coins were displayed, from the collections of Clive and of Capt. Nick Jangochian. In addition, Earle Stanton showed Roman and Greek coins, and Bill Koonce various coins, mostly ancient.

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We hate to project a dismal note here, but dues are due - that is, if you ain't paid 'em yet. Secretary Lyle Gordon says practically everyone has paid, but there are a very few stragglers; so if you are one of them, will you please cease straggling?

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The Berkeley convention was the first one we had in two cities at once; the Oakland-Berkeley city limits run right through the hotel. So maybe we should have reported the convention as "A Tale of Two Cities".

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Anyway, if the police of one city got after you, it was convenient to be able to dodge across the line into the other one.

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Sorry we're so late with this bulletin. But "better late than never". Or is it?

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SAN DIEGO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

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NEXT MEETING: Monday, July 11 at Y.M.C.A., 8th Ave. and C St., San Diego, Calif. Please not that the date is changed to miss the July 4 holiday.

DEATH OF ELISE WALLACE - It is with sorrow we announc that, after an illness of several months, Elise Wallace died on June 20. She had rallied several time which led us to hope for her recovery; but she finall passed into a coma which lasted until the end. We of the S.D.N.S. thus suffer the loss of a good member a one of our first ones; Elise joined the society when it first was established, and her membership number was 2, this making her senior to everyone excepting Dr. Bruce Wallace. The deepest sympathy of all of us goes to Dr. Bruce and the rest of her family.

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We also extend our sympathy to Ivah Vigneault, whose brother in law, Curtis Squires, was killed in an auto accident near Barstow. This made it necessary for Frenchy and Ivah to make a hurried trip there to make funeral arrangements.

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"ODD AND CURIOUS MONEY" was the subject of a talk by Lew Panosh at our last meeting, and he illustrated it with a fine showing of these curious specimens. Lew said that despite its unusual forms and materials all this actually was money used by someone at some period. We are used to seeing conventional coins, bu Lew stated that some communities, especially savage or semi-civilized ones, sometimes lacked the metals or the skill to work them into coins. Hence they fell on the use of some media of exchange generally accep able. Nor was this confined entirely to primitive people; such advanced races as the Chinese, Japanes Siamese, etc. used strange appearing media of exchange, both metallic and non-metallic.

Lew pointed out that Siam especially used many types of odd money. One striking style is the porcelain series; these really are tokens issued by gambling houses to supply small change for gambling. As the government licensed the gambling establishments and ordered that all tokens be redeemed on demand, these pieces readily circulated in ordinary trade. While most of these gambling tokens are porcelain, they also occur in bronze, glass, and other materials - even gold and silver. Each specimen bears the name of the issuer and its value.

Cowries were commonly used in Siam until a late date, and Lew described and showed curious baked clay pieces each with a stated value in cowries; these were issued during a temporary shortage of cowries. He discussed various other Siamese types, including "packsaddle" money, and the "bullets"; the latter really are sections of silver and gold bars bent with the ends meeting. They bear the name of the reigning king and the chakr, the Siamese wheel of life. Lew showed the curious silver pieces which were "cooked" with egg until they swelled and burst; these were for buying wives, and for making payment when divorcing them. He also showed many other specimens of curious money: Swedish plate, Chinese of all shapes, feather money of the Santa Cruz Islands, and so on.

It was a very fine talk, enjoyed by us all.

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EXHIBITS AT OUR LAST MEETING, other than Lew Panosh's odd money:

Gene Johnston: Japanese bean-shaped coins
Bill Roberts: "Wooden Nickels"
Frenchy Vigneault: French coins and paper money

Kind of skimpy again; how about more next time?

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OUR SICK LIST - We are pleased to report that Gene Johnston's eye now is practically well; however he is being fitted with glasses to permit his viewing articles - as coins - under close scrutiny. It is difficult for him to focus at close distances. Anyway we hope that when he once gets the right glasses, he will

have no more trouble.

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But we are sorry to say that Charlie Leuschner, who has been in and out of hospital for years, once more is laid up in the U.S. Naval Hospital, Camp Pendleton He expects to be there about three weeks this time. Although he is confined to bed, Charlie says that he feels that they really are doing him some good, and looks forward to being with us again for the next meeting. We hope so.

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It was somewhat extraordinary that the Knickerbockers missed the last meeting, and we were sorry to learn the reason. Just as they arrived and prepared to enter the hall, Mattie became faint and ill. They went home and Mattie recovered, but felt that she should stay there; we are very glad she did come out of it so well, even though we missed her at the meeting.

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Speaking of missing meetings, the sheet metal business must be good in Vista; we've missed Louie and Gail Walrath, and can only account for this by thinking they are so busy beating out tin cans that they ain't got time to get away.

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NEW MEMBERS WE WELCOME THIS MONTH:

JONES, Clive A.	4280 Kendall St., San Diego
JONES, Mrs. Leah	120 Upas St., San Diego 3
JONES, William H.	4280 Kendall St., San Diego
NISH, Walter	717 Asbury Court, San Diego 8
ROLLBERG, Steven	4368 Ohio St., San Diego 4
SEARS, Jerry J.	7417 Wellington St., San Diego 11

And besides these, we also welcome back an old member who has been away for a long time:

ROBERTS, Ray	3420 Bevis St., San Diego 11

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We seem to have done all right with the Jonesses, didn't we? We scooped in three of them at once.

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We might add a few remarks about one of our other ne

members, Walt Nish. He is retired, and buys and sells coins in his home. He also is intensly interested in promoting junior activities, and has had a lot of experience in dealing with young people, acting as hobby advisor, giving talks, etc. It sounds to us as if he is just what we might need to give our junior branch some healthy help. In case you want to discuss anything with him, his address is given above, and his phone is Hudson 85549.

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Speaking of our members who are also part-time dealers, the latest is Mac McAnear. He has put up a "We Buy and Sell Coins" sign in the Union Service station he operates in Fallbrook, and he got away to a flying start. If he keeps on this way, he should do a lot of business. What we are getting at, is that he let a 1909-S VDB cent escape for 25¢ - and a price like that is pretty stiff competition for other dealers.

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P.S. - He did it by mistake.

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No; we positively refuse to tell you what Mac said when he discovered his error.

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POLICE NEWS - Francis Jones had the misfortune of getting pinched for making an illegal turn as he approached the hall for our last meeting. He threatened to sue us if we printed this, but of course the S.D.N.S. Bulletin always prides itself on our fearless journalism.

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If Francis sues us, we are going to call on our Los Angeles lawyer friend, Earle Stanton, to defend us.

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We know that Earle would be glad to have his fee paid with Roman coins.

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GOOD HOUSEKEEPING DEPT. - We wonder if Helen Dixon found a lot of dirty dishes to wash when she returned home after the meeting - or if her husband took the hint and washed 'em for her. Helen arrived among the very first comers, and said she left home early to

avoid the dishwashing job.

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Our members are always distinguishing themselves in some way; we want to call your attention to the lates accomplishments of Clive Foss. First, Clive has an excellent article on English coins in the May "Calcoi News", the official magazine of the California State Numismatic Association. Second, in Los Angeles he passed a college examination with flying colors, and this entitles him to a full scholarship in the Philli Academy, Andover, Massachusetts for two years. To giv you an idea of the difficulty of the examination, in last only two persons in the entire country passed it We congratulate Clive and are delighted with his success; the only thing we don't like about it is that i will keep him away from us for so long.

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We were also going to congratulate Bill Roberts on hi marriage - but now we ain't so sure we should. Becaus three days after the wedding, he had to go to sea again. And that sounds to us like a heck of a way to spend a honeymoon.

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Seriously though, we all wish Bill and his bride all the best.

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OUR ROSTER OF MEMBERS finally is printed; Secretary Lyle Gordon distributed them to those at the meeting and will mail them to the rest. If there are any errors or omissions, we would like to be so notified.

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We know of one omission, and in this connection we ow an apology to Lt. Cmdr. Walter Luttmer. As he is bein transferred east, we had the impression that he was resigning, so we left him off the roster. However he is going to keep up his membership; and so as soon as we learn his new permanent address we will give it to you so you can add him to your copy

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Tom McDaniel suggested the wearing of identifying badges by our members at meetings; this has been

suggested before, and we personally think it a good idea. Anna Panosh proposed that temporary badges be made up each meeting night by all present - perhaps just a card attached by a pin. Anyway something of the sort should be done for the convenience of our new members, so they will know who's who.

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THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EXPOSITION - Doc Bruce Wallace, with the assistance of Francis Jones, now has completed arrangements for our exhibits; the event will be going on at about the time you receive this Bulletin, so the results will be reported next month. We are grateful to Doc for all the work he did on this project, especially at a time when he was so distracted by Elise's illness and her final death. He did a good job under trying circumstances.

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THE CLASSICAL COLLECTORS announce the next meeting to be at the home of Harold Johns, 4053 Budlong Ave., Los Angeles. Mr. Johns will speak on "Coins of Tiberius". Other programs planned are:

August 19: "Pompey and His Sons" by Charles McGinnis
September 16: "The Kharesmian Empire" by H. L. Petersen
October 21: "When Egypt Ruled the East" by Dr. Gleason Archer
November 18: "Vitruvius" by George Bennett

At the June meeting Bill Koonce conducted a question forum dealing with ancient history and geography. One of the winners was Clive Foss - as might have been expected. The prizes were various coins.

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Lew Panosh is a brave man. He took a plane back from the Berkeley convention, leaving Anna to drive the car back. And Anna had an adventurous trip. She was stopped at a road block, and a cop with a machine gun stuck his face in the car. We guess Anna was all right because the cops let her go.

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Maybe they were looking for Lew.

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Then on the way, Anna passed a place labelled "Skunk

Hollow". The Hermit of Skunk Hollow says he is going to sue someone for this.

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Now that the subject of the Hermit has come up, Clive Foss made a noble effort to get rid of him for us. Clive and the Hermit went to Los Angeles and their hotel suite consisted of two separate rooms opening off a private hall which in turn gave on to the main corridor. Clive left earlier than the Hermit, locked the outer door, and carried off the key, thus leaving the Hermit locked in. When his victim discovered that he wasn't particularly concerned, but took up the phone to call the desk - and the phone was dead. So the Hermit climbed out through the transom.

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And as he points out, he is getting a little too old for that kind of exercise.

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To say nothing of the damage to his social standing if he had been seen.

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We almost had Courtney Coffing at the last meeting. He writes us that he and his wife were all set to fly here that day; but his boss did him dirt by finding some emergency job for him in Texas. We hope he can make it later - or at least make the convention.

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We haven't anything more to report on plans for the SAN DIEGO convention of the C.S.N.A., but we assure you that Francis Jones is hard at work on it.

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Our "wooden nickels" have been ordered, and should be here in plenty of time for the convention.

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President Jim Andersen has made the following appointments:

C.S.N.A. Delegate: Francis Jones

Executive Board Member: Douglas Decker, Sr.

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He didn't appoint any new Bulletin editor though.

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NATIONAL COIN WEEK - Well, we done it. We mean we got first award. This is mainly due to the Herculean labors of Francis Jones who worked like a slave on the project for weeks. And here's what Francis has to say about it - -

I want to thank the members of the San Diego Numismatic Society for their cooperation, help, suggestions and hard work in putting on an outstanding National Coin Week. No matter what award we receive, we all enjoyed ourselves working on this annual event. I want to call special attention to the following people and their outstanding contributions to the society for Coin Week:

Al Beckett , for his many outstanding displays.

Frank P. Hernandez, for his making the Coin Sunday such a success with his Crowns of the World collection.

Mildred Fischer, for her untiring work on the book report and the beautiful leather cover.

Abe Beck, Tom Ward, Arthur Vigneault, James Andersen and to everyone that made a display, and made a coin talk.

- Francis S. Jones,
Coin Week Chairman.

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NATIONAL COIN WEEK DISPLAYS

SAN DIEGO

Theatre Music Co., 640 Broadway: Coins of the Americas by the S.D.N.S.

San Diego Federal Savings and Loan Assn., 1265 - 6th Ave.: Coins of the world by Al Beckett

Mexico Travel Service, 740 E St.: Coins of Mexico by Doc Bruce Wallace

Johnston Coin Exchange, 1006 Broadway: Canadian Coins by Douglas Fischer and Swedish coins by Emil Johnson

Exclusive Florists, 1198 - 6th Ave.: Coins of Panama by Louis Fischer

First National Bank, 1007 - 5th Ave.: U.S. type set by Jim and Eula Crouthamel

Land Title Insurance Co., 925 Broadway: Coins of

the Americas by Al Beckett
U.S. National Bank, 202 Broadway: Ancient Greek coins by Eugene Cooper
Central Federal Savings and Loan Assn., 640 C St. Gold Coins of the world by Capt. Robert Small
Vroman's Book Store, 529 B St.: Coins of the Worl by the store
San Diego Trust and Savings Bank, 540 Broadway: O and Curious Money by Lew Pinosh
Home Federal Savings and Loan Assn., 701 Broadway Gold Coins of the world by Gene Johnston
Dr. Bruce Wallace, 716 Broadway: English Coins by Al Beckett
Bank of America, 615 Broadway: Broken Bank Notes by Gene Johnston
Quon Mane, 1179 - 5th Ave.: Chinese Coins by Doc Bruce Wallace
Gospel Bible Book Store, 630 E St.: "Widow's Mite and ancient Roman coins of the time of Chris by Gene Johnston and Doc Bruce Wallace
O'Connor's Church Goods, 1260 - 4th Ave.: Vatican Coins by Minnie MacDonald
First Federal Savings and Loan Assn., 1200 - 4th Ave.: Medals by Eugene Cooper
Security Trust and Savings Bank, 905 - 5th Ave.: Currency of the World by Al Beckett
Frazee's Paint Store, 1001 Broadway: Coins of the Americas by Paul Hamm
Bunnell Photo Shop, 1033 - 6th Ave.: Coin photographic equipment and instructions for makin slides by Doc Ray Wilson
Rowland Stokes Coin Shop, 732 E St.: U.S. Coins, Coins of the World, and Replicas of Stone Money by Rowland Stokes and Atwood MacDonald
Bert's Variety Store, 3175 Midway Drive: U.S. Coins by Lyle Gordon
Casa de Oro Grammar School, Spring Valley: Lincol cents by Phyllis Lowthian
Woodrow Wilson Junior High School, 3737 El Cajon Blvd.: Broken Bank Notes by the students
Point Loma Senior High School, 2335 Chatsworth:

U.S. Coins by Paul Johnson

First National Bank, 6011 El Cajon Blvd.: U.S. gold, Fractional Currency, Large Currency, and Commemorative Half Dollars by Lt. Cmdr. Walter Luttmer, Margaret Hefner, and Shirley Flood

Al and John's Cafe, 4619 University Ave.: Dollars, Dimes, and Commemorative Half Dollars by Allen Whaley

Capri Theatre, 3812 Park Blvd.: Roman Coins by Clive Foss

J. C. Penny, 3029 University Ave.: Coins of the World by Al Beckett

Frazee's Paint Store, 2861 University Ave.: U.S. Coins by Don Hamm

Security Trust and Savings Bank, 500 University Ave.: Commemorative Half Dollars by Anna Pancsh

North Park Hobby Shop, 3944 - 30th St.: Commemorative Half Dollars and U.S. Gold type set by N. J. Lewis

Jessops and Son, Ltd., 3002 University Ave.: U.S. Proofs by N. J. Lewis

Kay Jewelers, 3063 University Ave.: Indian Cents by N. J. Lewis

Ace Drug Store, 820 West Washington Ave.: Crowns of the World by Doc Ray Wilson

Al Mix Drug Store, 3896 - 5th Ave.: U.S. Coins and Proofs, and "Wooden Nickels" by Francis Jones, Irving Knickerbocker, Mattie Knickerbocker, and Bill Roberts

Manor Men's Shop, 3876 - 5th Ave.: Lincoln Cents by Tom McDaniel

Eugene Cooper Studio, 3678 - 5th Ave.: Medals by Billie Cooper

First National Bank, 3541 Rosecrans St.: Commemorative Half Dollars, Presidential Medals, and "Wooden Nickels" by Bill Roberts

Earl's Billiards, 1043 University Ave.: Currency of the World by Earl Worthington

Complete Service Bureau, 328 Elm St.: U.S. Coins by Jim Andersen

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San Diego Public Library, 820 E St.: Ancient Roman, Greek, and Chinese Coins by Tom Ward, Doc Bruce Wallace, Lew Panosh, and Gene Johnston. Also Ancient and Medieval Coins on 3rd floor by the late Julius Wangenheim

LINDA VISTA

Montgomery Junior High School, 2470 Ulric St.: U.S. Coins by Don Freeman and Freddie DeWitt

LA MESA

Rose Hedge Manor, 8552 La Mesa Blvd.: U.S. Coins by Frank Dernbach

BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

Suwall's Florist Shop, 829 No. Charles St.: U.S. Coins by Mildred Fischer

LONDON, ENGLAND

Spink and Son, Ltd., 5-7 King Street, St. James's Coins of the Americas by Spink's

This list will have to be continued next month: we then will give you the schedule of talks, radio and television programs, etc. we sure spread ourselves this year.

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We are sorry to be a little late with the Bulletin again this month; the editor's brother was very ill in Oakland, which made us some trips up there. At any rate, we don't think any more trips will be nee as he now is getting along well.

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NEXT MEETING: Monday, August 1 at Y.M.C.A., 8th Ave. and C St., San Diego, Calif.
Speaker: Atwood MacDonald on "United States Currency"

OUR SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EXPOSITION EXHIBITS - At our last meeting Doc Bruce Wallace reported on this project, and announced the awards (which are listed beyond). Doc said that as usual, our displays attracted an extraordinary amount of favorable attention, and that the exposition manager, Paul Mannen, expressed his gratification at our cooperation. Each year our exhibits are larger and more varied, and the management so appreciates this that we are to have ten more of the large cases assigned to us next year. This year we had 25 small (24" x 30") and 25 large (36" x 48") cases which required considerable more floor space than we had in 1954 - and next year we will have even more space. Doc said he looked forward to the day when our numismatic exhibits would be large enough for us to be assigned a separate building for nothing but our material.

We congratulate Doc on the way he handled this affair, especially at a time of trying personal affliction. Doc also wishes to express his appreciation for the help given by Francis Jones, Lyle Gordon, Atwood Mac Donald and others, as well as all those of us who made displays.

President Jim Andersen appointed Doc to take charge of the exhibits again in 1956 - and personally we don't think he could have made a better choice. The idea of these annual displays was started by Doc and he has done fine - and intends to do even better year by year.

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Following is a list of the exhibits. The awards also are given; the letter-and-number combinations following each award are of the classes into which the exhibits

were divided for judging. This shows why it was possible for one exhibit to obtain two awards; for example if Mexican bronze and silver coins were shown, that might win an award for bronze and another for silver, as the exposition considered them in separate classes. The word "Hobbies" following an award indicates that an award in the Hobbies Class was given in addition to the numismatic award.

Eugene Cooper: Ancient Greek silver (GRAND AWARD, SPECIAL AWARD, and FIRST AWARD A1); medals of the Society of Medallists (SPECIAL AWARD and FIRST AWARD G4)

Jim Anderson: "Coins Through the Ages" (FIRST AWARD I1); Mexican bronze (SECOND AWARD B4b); U.S. commemorative medals (FIRST AWARD G2); U.S. flag in plastic set with commemorative half dollars (FIRST AWARD C3 and FIRST AWARD HOBBIES)

Douglas Decker, Sr.: Types of U.S. silver (SECOND AWARD C7b and FIRST AWARD HOBBIES); types of U.S. bronze and nickel (SECOND AWARD HOBBIES)

Doc Bruce Wallace: U.S. commemorative medals (SECOND AWARD G2 and SECOND AWARD HOBBIES); Indian cents (SECOND AWARD C7c and SECOND AWARD HOBBIES); crowns of the British Empire (THIRD AWARD B3b and THIRD AWARD HOBBIES); Asiatic-Oriental crowns (FIRST AWARD B2b and FIRST AWARD HOBBIES); German crowns (FIRST AWARD B1b and FIRST AWARD HOBBIES); Mexican pesos (THIRD AWARD B4b and SECOND AWARD HOBBIES); ancient Greek bronze (SECOND AWARD A1c and SECOND AWARD HOBBIES); ancient Greek silver (THIRD AWARD A1b and THIRD AWARD HOBBIES); Roman Imperial silver (SECOND AWARD A2b and SECOND AWARD HOBBIES); Roman Imperial bronze (SECOND AWARD A2c and SECOND AWARD HOBBIES); German inflation currency (FIRST AWARD E1)

Margaret Hefner: Types of large U.S. paper money from 1861 (SPECIAL AWARD, FIRST AWARD D5, and FIRST AWARD HOBBIES)

Olav Berghli: Small cents (SECOND AWARD C7c and FIRST AWARD HOBBIES); quarters (SECOND AWARD C7b and FIRST AWARD HOBBIES); fractional currency (SECOND AWARD D2); Civil War and hard times tokens (FIRST AWARD C2)

"Ace" Newman: California commemorative half dollars with pictures and programs of the occasions of issue (FIRST AWARD C3 and FIRST AWARD HOBBIES)

Rowland Stokes: Colonial and early U.S. coins and tokens (FIRST AWARD C1); large and small cents (FIRST AWARD C7c and FIRST AWARD HOBBIES)

Lew Panosh: Coins of other materials than metal (SPECIAL AWARD and FIRST AWARD H1); odd media of exchange (FIRST AWARD H3)

Minnie MacDonald: U.S. commemorative gold (FIRST AWARD C5)

Atwood MacDonald: Types of U.S. currency (FIRST AWARD D5); uncut sheet of U.S. currency (FIRST AWARD D5); English and Scottish transportation and other tokens in plastic (SECOND AWARD H4); U.S. transportation tokens (FIRST AWARD H4); Scottish coins (SPECIAL AWARD and FIRST AWARD A3b); U.S. gold types (FIRST AWARD C7a); U.S. silver types (SECOND AWARD C7b); U.S. bronze and nickel types (SECOND AWARD C7c); silver of Queen Elizabeth II (SECOND AWARD B3b); bronze and nickel of Queen Elizabeth II (FIRST AWARD B3c)

Francis Jones: Commemorative half dollars (FIRST AWARD C3 and FIRST AWARD HOBBIES); U.S. proofs (FIRST AWARD C5b); British silver proofs (FIRST AWARD B3b and SECOND AWARD HOBBIES); British bronze and nickel proofs (SECOND AWARD B3c and SECOND AWARD HOBBIES); U.S. gold types (SECOND AWARD C7a); U.S. silver types (SPECIAL AWARD and FIRST AWARD C7b); U.S. bronze and nickel types (THIRD AWARD C7c and SECOND AWARD HOBBIES)

Al Beckett: Coins and currency of the world (SPECIAL AWARD, FIRST AWARD I1, and FIRST AWARD HOBBIES)

Frenchy Vigneault: Commemorative half dollars (FIRST AWARD C3 and FIRST AWARD HOBBIES); Mexican pesos (FIRST AWARD B4b and FIRST AWARD HOBBIES); Mexican bronze (SECOND AWARD B4c and SECOND AWARD HOBBIES); broken bank notes (FIRST AWARD D3); fractional currency FIRST AWARD D2 and FIRST AWARD HOBBIES); French currency (SECOND AWARD E2); French silver (SECOND AWARD B1b); French bronze and nickel (SECOND AWARD B1c); canadian silver (THIRD AWARD B3b and SECOND AWARD HOBBIES); Canadian bronze and nickel (THIRD AWARD B3c and SECOND AWARD HOBBIES); "wooden nickels" (SECOND AWARD H5 and FIRST AWARD HOBBIES)

Bill Roberts: "Wooden nickels" (FIRST AWARD H5 and SECOND AWARD HOBBIES)

Tom Ward: Aes Grave (cast Roman bronze) (FIRST AWARD A1c); Roman Republican silver (FIRST AWARD A1b); Roman Imperial silver (SPECIAL AWARD and FIRST AWARD A2b); Roman Imperial bronze (FIRST AWARD A2c); Roman Imperial gold (FIRST AWARD A2a); medieval Indian coins (FIRST AWARD A3c)

Sandra and Douglas Decker, Jr.: U.S. silver types (SPECIAL AWARD and FIRST AWARD HOBBIES); U.S. bronze and nickel types (FIRST AWARD C7c and FIRST AWARD HOBBIES)

Clive Foss: Roman Imperial bronze (SPECIAL AWARD, FIRST AWARD A2c, and FIRST AWARD HOBBIES)

Paul Johnson: Paper money of Japan, China, and Mexico (FIRST AWARD E2 and FIRST AWARD HOBBIES)

Harold Miller: U.S. silver types (FIRST AWARD C7b and FIRST AWARD HOBBIES); U.S. bronze and nickel (SECOND AWARD C7c and SECOND AWARD HOBBIES)

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The last four displays were made by our junior members, and they were very good, too. These young people are to be congratulated on their showings.

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In addition, some of our members had displays in the

Hobbies Section: Doc Bruce Wallace had swords, daggers, and Civil War guns (FIRST AWARD); Barbara Jones showed "story book" dolls and miniatures (FOURTH AWARD); Mrs. W. H. Jones exhibited shells (FIRST AWARD); and Mrs. Al Beckett showed a large variety of tobies, steins, and cups (FIRST AWARD).

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The booth of the Seventh Day Adventists showed a few assorted coins.

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In a display in the Gem and Mineral Section, coins were used for a special purpose. This exhibit consisted of maps and charts showing the mineral production of all countries. Lincoln cents were used to show the proportionate volumes; one cent represented either $1,000,000 in gold, or 10,000 tons of other metals.

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OUR SICK LIST - Francis Jones missed the last meeting, the first he has missed since he joined. We are sorry to say he had the 'flu, but glad he is reported as improving.

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And another familiar face was missing; Anna Panosh had a sore throat - and we hope that's all over by now.

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Doc Bruce Wallace too had throat trouble. He is just getting over larnygitis, and he had some difficulty in speaking. Still, that didn't deter him from giving his exposition report.

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Charlie Leuschner is still in hospital but hopes to be out again in a couple of weeks. We hope so too.

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OUR NEW VICE PRESIDENT is Bill Bell. President Jim Andersen appointed him in place of Lt. Cmdr. Walter Luttmer who was transferred east.

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The auction was well handled by Gene Johnston - and we are pleased that his eye now is well enough for this.

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Gene also helped Mildred Fischer with our lunch.

THE CONVENTION - Francis Jones being absent, Doc Bruce Wallace spoke briefly on SAN DIEGO convention plans - and Francis will give us more details later. Among other things, Doc started a raffle to raise funds for the convention - the prizes for the first drawing being won by Freddie DeWitt, Mrs. Smith, and Arthur Vigneault. They were respectively, two proof sets, and a car wash. The last time we had a C.S.N.A. convention we gave all the fellers and gals a good time - which cost money. We plan to give them another good time, and it will cost money again.

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Thus commercialism has to rear its ugly head again.

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TRAVEL NEWS - Bill Roberts will be away for about a month or so; he is going to Hawaii this time.

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FLORA AND FAUNA IN VISTA - Well anyway, fauna. Louie and Gail Walrath threaten to shoot the Hermit of Skunk Hollow if he doesn't keep his pets at home. Gail has been leaving the front door of the porch slightly ajar to allow her numerous cats to enter and leave. Well, an unwelcome cat wandered in; a skunk. In the process of getting it out, the skunk fought back - with the result that ever since that, the Walraths have had to use their back door only.

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Science Dept. - When Ace Newman showed Helen Dixon the new way that proofs come sealed in cellophane, she remarked that they were packed like vitamin pills. We hope she doesn't try to swallow any.

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SWAPPING - There has been some suggestions made about assigning time for swapping coins, and Lyle Gordon has an idea about this. He pointed out that while our meetings open at 8:00 P.M., most of us arrive at the hall much earlier; Lyle's thought is that the time previous to 8:00 P.M. might be used for trading.

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OUR DINNER AT THE EL MOROCCO was another of our successful parties; 53 people attended. We had some nice

displays, good entertainment by our own members, and a good dinner. No speeches; except by Low Panosh who, inspired by the fact that next day was Flag Day, gave some facts regarding our and other flags.

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The entertainment was in the form of music and singing by Elinor Decker and Anna Panosh. Anna said she "had not touched a piano for ten years" - but we guess she meant that particular piano.

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As usual, Jim Andersen produced a lot of fine flowers for table decorations, and they were auctioned off after the dinner, the take going to the SAN DIEGO convention fund.

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Gene Johnston was auctioneer, and he put so much enthusiasm into the job and swung the vases around so much that he got himself an impromptu shower bath.

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Gene also took care of the drawing for the door prizes. Needing a hat to hold the tickets, he swiped that of Frank Hernandez. So Frank claimed he should have a commission on the value of the prizes.

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But he didn't get any.

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The attractive table decorations were the work of the Hamm family.

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Atwood MacDonald was in charge of the general arrangements, and did his usual good job.

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Francis Jones spoke briefly on the Southern California Exposition, and some further information was added by Atwood MacDonald.

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Francis also spoke on the SAN DIEGO convention plans; so did Gene Johnston and Atwood MacDonald. Among the featured so far planned are a trip to Tia Juana, Mexico, a boat ride on the bay, a visit to the San Diego zoo (one of the finest), and professional entertainers.

DISPLAYS AT OUR DINNER:

Eugene Cooper: Medals of the Society of Medallists
Paul Hamm: Coins showing animals, birds, boats, and trains
Francis Jones: Commemorative half dollars; literature on the Oregon Trail half dollar
Irving Knickerbocker: Large display of U.S. gold in all denominations and types, including the commemoratives; both 3¢ proofs complete; 2¢ and 20¢ pieces
Atwood MacDonald: Scottish coins; English and Scottish tram tokens
Anna Panosh: Medals, orders, and decorations
Frenchy Vigneault: Broken bank notes; commemorative half dollars; Mexican coins
Tom Ward: Roman bronzes with picture reverses

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Frank Hernandez, Earl Summers, and Doc Ray Wilson were appointed to judge the exhibits, and they made the following awards:
Francis Jones 1st; Anna Panosh 2nd; Tom Ward 3rd; and Atwood MacDonald 4th.

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THE CLASSICAL COLLECTORS: Scheduled programs -
August 19: "Pompey and his Sons" by Charles McGinnis at his home, 2241½ South Catalina St., Los Angeles
September 16: "The Khoresmian Empire" by H. L. Petersen at his home, 20331 Hart St., Canoga Park
October 21: "When Egypt Ruled the East" by Dr. Gleason Archer at his home, 618 Hermosa St., South Pasadena
November 18: "Vitruvius" by George Bennett at his home, 1952 Redesdale St., Los Angeles.

At the July meeting Harold Johns gave a well thought out talk on the Emperor Tiberius, having obviously given the subject much study. The speech was also well documented. Coins of Tiberius were shown - from the collections of the speaker and Earle Stanton. Bill Koonce exhibited Greek and other coins.

NATIONAL COIN WEEK. Following are our displays and other activities which we had no room for last month.

PACIFIC BEACH

Christ Lutheran Church, 4761 Cass St.: "Coins Through the Ages" by Jim Andersen

Sid's Men's Wear, 1263 Garnet Ave.: U.S. proof sets by Jim Andersen

Coast Motel, 4702 Mission Blvd.: Lincoln cents and Jefferson Nickels by June Stewart

Muehlings Dept. Store, 1277 Garnet Ave.: U.S. coins by Don Smith

Security Trust and Savings Bank, 875 Garnet Ave.: Plastic flag set with commemorative half dollars by Jim Andersen

Suburban Savings and Loan Assn., 1001 Garnet Ave.: Currency of the world by Al Beckett

NATIONAL CITY

Heaton's Grocery, 2415 East 18th St.: U.S. currency and fractional currency by Clyde Heaton

South Bay Cities Escrow Service, 822 East 30th St.: U.S. coins and currency by Douglas Decker, Sr.

Green's Barber Service, 624 National Ave.: U.S. types by Johann and Grace Johnson

Chick's Spudnut Shop, 3001 Highland Ave.: U.S. coins and currency including fractional currency by Sandra and Douglas Decker, Jr.

Douglas Service Station, 2341 Highland Ave.: Broken bank notes by Frenchy Vigneault

H. and H. Pharmacy, 940 National Ave.: Confederate currency by Frenchy Vigneault

Navaro's Gun Shop, 2304 Highland Ave.: Hungarian currency by Frenchy Vigneault

McMain's Bakery, 837 National Ave.: Confederate currency by Frenchy Vigneault

Will-June Studios, 1816 Highland Ave.: U.S. coins by Frenchy Vigneault

Evelyn Wigton's Apparel, 139 East 8th St.: U.S. currency by Frenchy Vigneault

National City Public Library, 200 East 12th St.: Coins and currency of the world by Frenchy Vigneault

NATIONAL CITY (Contd.)

Southwest Radio and TV Laboratory, 2241 Highland Ave.: Large U.S. currency by Frenchy Vigneault

Lensing's Grocery, 2331 Highland Ave.: Large U.S. currency by Frenchy Vigneault

Stein's Auto Supply, 2440 Highland Ave.: Broken bank notes by Frenchy Vigneault

National City Boys' Club, 1400 - D Ave.: Fractional currency by Frenchy Vigneault

George's Bakery, 1519 Highland Ave.: "wooden nickels" by Frenchy Vigneault

Pinky's Jewelry Store, 725 East 8th St.: U.S. coins and currency by Frenchy Vigneault

Sweetwater Roller Rink, 700 East 24th St.: Broken bank notes by Frenchy Vigneault

LA MESA

Rose Hedge Manor, 8552 La Mesa Blvd.: U.S. coins by Frank Dernbach

EL CAJON

Hobbs-Baranov Jewelers, 115 West Main St.: U.S. gold by Abe Beck

J. C. Penny, 101 East Main St.: U.S. currency by Abe Beck

Gil's Jewelry Store, 130 East Main St.: U.S. types by Bob Flournoy

Long's Men's Wear, 112 East Main St.: Fractional currency by Abe Beck

Himmel's Camera Shop, 118 East Main St.: Broken bank notes by Abe Beck

Security Trust and Savings Bank, 205 West Main St.: Confederate currency by Abe Beck

Russell's Drug Store, 102 East Main St.: Currency of the world by Abe Beck

El Cajon Public Library: South American dollars and ancient Roman coins by Ernest Lang

First National Bank, 201 North Magnolia Ave.: Crowns of the world by Frank Hernandez

Alley-Ramey Paint and Supply, 148 East Main St.: Copper and silver coins of the world by Frank Hernandez

COIN WEEK TALKS will have to be postponed again, as

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we are running out of space again. And we wanted to save enough room to tell you that the San Diego Federal, 6th and A St., advertise that they will give a free medal to anyone calling for it. This medal is to celebrate this firm's 70th anniversary; the obverse has an old time miner panning for gold, and the reverse an inspription.

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We also needed to save space to make a correction. Last month we did not have Walt Nish's telephone number quite right; it actually is HUdson 8-5649. You will remember we told you that Walt is the feller who likes to promote junior activities. And our own opinion is that we ought to promote more things for the juniors. We once had a very successful display competition for the juniors; maybe we might do something of the sort again. Or maybe Walt might have some ideas of his own.

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We now have started wearing labels with our names at meetings so everyone will know who's who. So remember to wear yours.

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Probably the Hermit of Skunk Hollow won't know who's who anyway; as after all, it is necessary to be able to read in order to find out.

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We'll be seeing you.

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SAN DIEGO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

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NEXT MEETING: Monday, September 12 at Y.M.C.A., 8th Ave. and C St., San Diego, Calif. Please note the changed date to miss the September 7 holiday.

CALIFORNIA STATE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION, 17th CONVENTION, U.S. GRANT HOTEL, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, November 10-13, 1955. Following is a tentative schedule of events planned; more may be added later and it is possible there may be some slight modifications. If so, we will advise you.

Thursday, Nov. 10
- 10 A.M. Convention opens
  Registration, placing of exhibits and bourse
- 4 P.M. Fiesta de Tijuana (Mexico)
  Dinner and jai-alai games

Friday, Nov. 11
- 8 A.M. Breakfast meeting of C.S.N.A. officers
- 10 A.M. Bus tour of San Diego, Balboa Park, and Point Loma
- 1 P.M. Special event for the ladies
- 2 P.M. Auction
- 8 P.M. Numismatic forum

Saturday, Nov. 12
- 8 A.M. Breakfast meeting of coin club officers
- 10 A.M. Boat tour of San Diego Bay
- 1 P.M. Ladies' surprise party
- 2 P.M. Auction
- 7 P.M. Banquet with entertainment

Sunday, Nov. 13
- 9 A.M. Trip to San Diego Zoo
- 12 noon Luncheon; prize awards
- 2 P.M. Adjournment
- 6 P.M. "Post Mortem" buffet supper

Reservations for hotel rooms should be sent direct to the U.S. Grant Hotel, San Diego. Rates are $7 single

and $9 double.
Reservations for exhibit space (50¢ per case) should be sent to Douglas Decker, Sr., 2837 - K Ave., National City, Calif. As of now ample display cases will be available.
Requests for bourse space ($15) should be sent to Eugene D. Johnston, 1006 Broadway, San Diego 1, Calif.

CONVENTION COMMITTEES:

Honorary Chairman: Leonel C. Panosh
General Chairman: Francis S. Jones
Co-Chairman: James J. Andersen
Registration: Thomas W. Ward
Finance: Dr. Bruce Wallace
Bourse: Eugene D. Johnston
Exhibits: Roy Hill and Douglas Decker, Sr.
Auction: Leo Young and James D. Smith
Awards: Eugene Cooper
Numismatic Forum: Leonel C. Panosh
Entertainment: Atwood MacDonald
Special Events: Arthur Vignoault
Ladies' Events: Mrs. Minnie MacDonald
Program: William H. Bell
Sergeant at Arms: Abe Beck
Hospitality: All members of the S.D.N.S.
Assistants will be assigned to some of the above.

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So there you have it. Come to San Diego for a good convention, and bring along your coins, medals, or whatever you collect and exhibit them.

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TWO SPEAKERS AT OUR LAST MEETING - As scheduled, Atwood MacDonald spoke on United States currency, having first prepared a very informative paper which may be published later. Atwood began by discussing the values of paper money, dispelling the idea that it is excessively expensive to collect. Compared with certain coins, paper money actually is cheaper, regardless of its relatively high face values.
He described the first issue of national currency, that of 1861, the first true issue of that class. A description of the notes followed; and then Atwood

went on to describe the state bank notes and fractional currency. He explained the reasons for the issue of the latter, they being due to the shortage of small change during the Civil War. The postage stamp designs were to indicate the guarantee of redemption in stamps.

Atwood next dealt with the portraits on the notes, listed the major varieties, and described the signatures and seals. Regarding the major varieties, there actually are fewer than is generally realized, although there are many minor varieties of seals, signatures, etc.

Errors are not common paper money, but some do exist and Atwood mentioned them. He then concluded with a brief discussion of the literature pertaining to his subject.

Although all of us handle paper money every day, we are sure that Atwood brought out many points which we had previously considered at all.

The talk was illustrated with a very fine showing of bills from Atwood's collection, to which Frenchy Vigneault added a display of Confederate currency, and Paul Johnson one of foreign paper money, chiefly Japanese and Chinese, together with a series of "star" bills, those used to replace specimens damaged in printing.

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The speaker was followed by Dr. Charles Harbeck of Los Angeles who was an unexpected - but very welcome! - visitor. The doctor exhibited a chart showing the relationship of the Julio-Claudian Roman Emperors and the members of their families, accompanied by portrait coins of all the characters listed. Dr. Harbeck explained the origin of the Roman Empire, it actually starting with Julius Caesar; who, however, was not a true Emperor although he held complete power. The real Empire began with Octavian (Augustus) at the close of the civil wars which followed the death of Caesar. Nero was the last true Caesar - that is, the last member of the Julio-Claudian line - but all later Emperors also called themselves Caesars.

The doctor described early Imperial coins and discussed their prices and relative degrees of rarity. He concluded by answering many questions about Roman coins of the period, as well as of other periods. This is the second time we have had the pleasure of hearing Dr. Harbeck speak at one of our meetings, and we hope it will be by no means the last; we hope that he and Mrs. Harbeck will be able to attend more of our meetings.

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President Jim Andersen appointed Paul Hamm as chairman in charge of arrangements for our installation of officers and dinner in January, with Douglas Decker, Sr., as co-chairman. This will be another of our big nights.

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THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EXPOSITION EXHIBITS will be handled by Doc Bruce Wallace again in 1956 (as we said before), and Francis Jones will assist him.

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In order to help raise funds for the SAN DIEGO convention, Mrs. Anderson donated a beautiful hand made rug; this brought $25. She had exhibited this rug at the Southern California Exposition, where it took first award.

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Francis Jones gave an outline of convention plans which we do not have to repeat here, as you will find them on pages 1 and 2. Incidentally Francis is a brave man; he defied the hazards of Skunk Hollow to visit the Hermit, to tell him the convention dope.

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Thus bringing dope to a dope, so to speak.

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And Francis wasn't too well at the time, either. He had been quite ill, recovered enough to attend our last meeting, and then had a relapse which put him back in bed again. We are pleased to say that he now is well again, and back at work.

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Francis tried to persuade the Hermit to move out of

Skunk Hollow and come to civilization in San Diego. But of course the Hermit is afraid of them there big cities. And imagine his having to wear shoes every day!

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STYLE SECTION - We were going to comment on Mattie Knickerbocker's lace curtain hat, but after seeing the one worn by Anna Panosh, we forgot all about Mattie's. We ain't quite sure what Anna's hat was supposed to represent, but we hazard the opinion that it may have been a lop-sided pancake.

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Speaking of Anna, Doc Ray Wilson said he was unable to go to the A.N.A. Omaha convention, so he asked Anna to take his place - to which she and all the rest of us agreed.

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We guess that Lew and Anna Panosh will be the only San Diego people at that convention, although there will be some of our other members there; Lew Reagan, for instance. And maybe our English member, Spink's, may have a representative. If so, we will expect Lew to persuade him to come to the SAN DIEGO convention.

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Jim Andersen wishes a slight correction made in last month's Bulletin. We said he donated the flowers at our last dinner; Jim says we really have Paul and Mrs. Hamm to thank for 'em.

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Our secretary is NOT flat-headed. It is just that "flat top" haircut of Lyle Gordon's that makes him look that way.

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Last month we mentioned the free medals being distributed by the San Diego Federal. There is a new gimmick to this. Some of the medals have numbers entitling the holders to cash prizes; the one that Irving Knickerbocker got gave him an award of $7.

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So now he should be able to afford another Cadillac.

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NEW MEMBERS WE WELCOME THIS MONTH:

CAMPBELL, Arthur A.	522 Rushville, La Jolla
DECKER, Sandra	2837 - K Ave., National City
KACERGIS, John J.	387-C Vance St., Chula Vista
KENNARD, Jay	3853 Cherokee Ave., San Diego 4
LYNCH, R. L.	3519 Ottawa Ave., San Diego 17
MILLER, Dennis J.	6615 Pacific Blvd., San Diego 9
MILLER, Jeffery L.	6615 Pacific Blvd., San Diego 9

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Notice how we are gradually getting in all of the Decker and Miller families?

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THE CARLSBAD COIN CLUB - Several months ago we told you that this club was being organized in the Carlsbad-Oceanside area, and it now is functioning. Charles Nissen, who promoted it, advises us that the meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 1103 Oak Ave., Carlsbad. He adds that any of us are welcome at any meeting. And of course this club's members are always welcome at ours.

It occurs to us that we might be able to be of some assistance to this new club. Perhaps the members might appreciate our exhibiting coins or speaking at one or more of their meetings; at any rate, we should do all we can to aid a new numismatic organization. Carlsbad really isn't very far from San Diego, so how about visiting?

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THE CLASSICAL COLLECTORS: Coming events -

September 16: "The Kharesmian Empire" by H. L. Peterson at his home, 20331 Hart St., Canoga Park

October 21: "When Egypt Ruled the East" by Dr. Gleason Archer at his home, 618 Hermosa St., South Pasadena

November 18: "Vitruvius" by George Bennett at his home, 1942 Redondale St., Los Angeles

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NATIONAL COIN WEEK - This continues the list of our accomplishments during that week, for which we received first award.

COIN WEEK TALKS

April 15 Hi 12 Club by Lew Panosh. Talk and display of coins of Malta. 25 persons.

April 20 Roosevelt Junior High School by Francis Jones and Paul Hamm. Slides of coins of special interest and display of U.S. coins. 125 persons.

April 21 Native Sons of the Golden west, El Cajon by Francis Jones and Lyle Gordon. Same as last. 37 Persons.

April 21 Casa de Oro Grammar School, Spring Valley by Frank Hernandez and Phyllis Lowthian. Talk and display of crowns. 200 persons.

April 25 Hoover High School by Francis Jones. Slides of coins of special interest and display of U.S. coins. 40 persons.

April 25 U.S. Naval Hospital by Arthur Vignault and Francis Jones. Two talks in two different wards. Display of U.S. coins. 60 persons.

April 26 Dana Junior High School by Francis Jones. Slides of coins of special interest and display of U.S. coins. 50 persons.

April 26 Point Loma Senior High School by Paul Johnson in his public speaking class; U.S. coins. 29 persons.

April 26 Horace Mann Junior High School by Francis Jones; two talks. Slides of coins of special interest and display of U.S. coins. 110 persons.

April 26 Boy Scout Troop No. 995 by Francis Jones and Lyle Gordon. Same as last. 25 persons.

April 27 Point Loma Senior High School by Francis Jones and Paul Johnson. Slides of U.S. types and display of U.S. coins. 40 persons.

April 27 Montgomery Junior High School by Francis Jones; two talks. Same as last. 104 persons.

April 27 National City Junior High School by Atwood Macdonald and Francis Jones. Same as last. 41 persons.

April 27 Christ Lutheran Church Women's Club by Jim Andersen. Talk and display of coins through the ages. 31 persons.

April 28 Pacific Beach Junior High School by Francis Jones and Jim Andersen. Slides of U.S. types and display of U.S. and foreign coins. 65 persons.

April 28 Woodrow Wilson Junior High School by Francis Jones. Slides of U.S. types and display of U.S. coins. 21 persons.

April 28 U.S. Naval Hospital by Francis Jones, Al Beckett, Frenchy Vigneault, and Douglas Decker, Sr. In one ward: s;ides of coins of special interest and display of U.S. and foreign coins. In another ward: talk and display of U.S. coins. 75 persons.

April 28 Christ Lutheran Church Men's Club by Jim Anderson. Talk and display of coins through the ages. 81 persons.

April 29 San Diego State College by Francis Jones. Slides of coins of special interest and display of U.S. coins. 60 persons.

May 2 U.S. Naval Station by Lt.Cmdr. Walter Luttmer. Talk and display of U.S. coins. 200 persons.

May 2 Boy Scout Troop No. 1 by Francis Jones. Slides of U.S. types and display of U.S. coins. 42 persons.

May 2 San Diego Numismatic Society. Talk, slides, and display of coins of Newfoundland by Doc Ray Wilson. 80 persons.

May 3 Convair Coin Club by Francis Jones. Slides and display of U.S. types. 41 persons.

May 14 Reche School Club, Fallbrook by Tom Ward. Talk and display of Roman coins. 55 persons.

RADIO AND TELEVISION PROGRAMS

April 21 Radio Station KFI. Al Poska's Disk Jockey Show. He played records having references to money. 30 minutes. Arranged by Olav Berghli.

April 22 Television Station KFMB, Channel 8. Smokey

Rogers with Francis Jones. Subject: Coin Sunday and display of Indian cents. 10 minutes.

April 25 Radio Station KGB. Bob Reagan with Lt.Cmdr. Walter Luttmer. Subject: Obsolete coins of the U.S. and National Coin week. 20 minutes.

April 26 Television Station KFSD, Channel 10. Semour Francis with Rowland Stokes. Subject: National Coin Week and display of 1795 dollar and Spanish pieces-of-eight. 4½ minutes.

April 26 Radio Station KCBQ. Jim Andersen. Subject: National Coin Week and coins through the ages. 8 minutes.

April 29 Radio Station KGB. "Margie" with Francis Jones. Subject: National Coin Week and coin contest. Records mentioning money were played. 35 Minutes.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Sunday afternoon, April 24, 2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M., 2500 persons.

COIN SUNDAY - There were coins displayed in each of the cottages of the House of Pacific Relations in Balboa Park. Each cottage contained coins of its own country. There were displays on the lawns in front of the cottages. Frank Hernandez had his large collection of crowns of the world. Jim Andersen displayed his U.S. flag exhibit of commemorative half dollars. There were displays in the Cottage of China by Doc Bruce Wallace, of Czechoslovakia by Frenchy Vigneault, of Denmark and Norway by Jim Anderson, of England by Francis Jones, of Finland by the management, of France by Frenchy Vigneault, of the United States by Lt.Cmdr. Walter Luttmer, of Eire by Francis Jones and the management, of Israel by Lew Panosh, of Scotland by Atwood MacDonald, of Sweden by Emil and Evelyn Johnson, and of Germany by Frenchy Vigneault.

PENNY GUESSING CONTEST - 500 GUESSES - This event, sponsored by the S.D.N.S., took place in the coin shop of Rowland Stokes, 732 - E Street, San Diego. A jug with 7850 brand new Lincoln cents was placed in the

front window. Two persons tied for first place and the prize was split between them. Each received a $2.50 merchandise order from Rowland.

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That finishes our National Coin Week report - and if you don't think that represents a lot of work, you'd better see a psycho doc. You will note that the same names are repeated over and over; those are the ones we have to thank for our success most of all - although of course we all helped. And we came out all right.

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"BON VOYAGE TO CLIVE FOSS" - Maybe we had better make our next meeting a "going away party" for Clive. This is the last he is likely to be able to attend for two years, due to his leaving for school in Massachusetts shortly afterwards.

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And when Clive leaves, how on earth is Doc Bruce Wallace going to be able to keep his Roman coins straight?

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Charlie Lauschner is out of hospital again, we are glad to report - and we hope he stays out.

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WEATHER REPORT - Now that it has been so darn hot, we wonder how Bob and Lu Whited like it in their new home out in the desert. We'll bet they are homesick.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS - Lester Peich now lives at 1118 Opal St., San Diego.

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INDUSTRIAL NEWS - Jim Malone is changing jobs; he now will work in the same warehouse with Tom Ward. So perhaps condolences are in order.

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THE AUGUST "NUMISMATIST" has two articles which, we think, deserve careful attention. The first is by Burton H. Saxton, "A Frank Appraisal", and suggests a revision of the classifications of coins in exhibits. The second is by Dr. Nathan A. Bowers, "Return to the Gold Standard" and is a sober analysis of the present monetary situation which the doctor believes could be

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improved by a resumption of the gold standard under certain conditions.

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This editor believes that Mr. Saxton is right in his suggestions regarding classifications; they could be improved. About the most comprehensive classification of exhibits we know of is for an event not primarily numismatic at all; that is, for the Southern California Exposition. The exposition management, in consultation with Doc Bruce Wallace, established 8 main classes divided into 42 sub-classes; with the result that practically every kind of coin, medal, paper money, token, etc. was provided for. This may seem a lot of classes at first glance, but we don't think it too many; after all, there are a great many kinds of coins and other numismatic materials. No matter how obscure a series anyone collected, the exposition had a sub-class for it.

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Your editor also agrees with Dr. Bowers; it is obvious that the present monetary condition cannot be allowed to continue unchecked, and so the idea of a return to the gold standard, even with some restrictions, deserves careful consideration.

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REMEMBER: NEXT MEETING SEPTEMBER 12 instead of on our usual night.

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SAN DIEGO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

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NEXT MEETING: Monday, October 3 at Y.M.C.A., 8th Ave. and C St., San Diego, Calif.

THE SAN DIEGO JUNIOR NUMISMATIC SOCIETY is a new club within a club; it is the new set-up for our juniors. It was thought that perhaps these young people might like to have an organization of their own to operate under our guidance, and so Walt Nish and Frenchy Vigneault helped them to get started. They started out good too, having held their first meeting; and will hold future meetings on the same nights as we do, in Room 201 of the same building, and then adjourn to attend with us.

They have elected the following officers:

PRESIDENT: Sandra Decker
VICE PRESIDENT: Donald Freeman
TREASURER: Freddie DeWitt
AUCTIONEER: Ricky Kaufman

13 were present at the September 12 meeting. Walt Nish spoke on coin collecting in general and gave his audience some good advice; then Freddie DeWitt gave a good talk on the Lincoln cent. These talks were followed by an auction conducted by Ricky Kaufman.

Regarding those auctions, Frenchy Vigneault requests donations of any specimens you can spare to help the young people out. They cannot afford to spend as much money as the rest of us can, so let's give them some material that is within their means.

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THE CALIFORNIA STATE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION CONVENTION

At our last meeting Francis Jones spoke on this important coming event; it will be at the Hotel U.S. Grant, SAN DIEGO, November 10-13, 1955. There is little to add to the information we gave you last month, but we might suggest that everyone help Francis as much as possible if he calls for assistance as he has a big job to do. We are sure that all of us will help.

We might mention that Francis Jones, Roy Hill, Douglas Decker, Sr., and Tom Ward held an informal meeting in the hotel, mainly for the purpose of laying out the exhibit space. Roy came down from San Francisco especially for this.

Exhibits are very important at these conventions; they are what many people attend chiefly to see. So we wish all of you would display something. At present we have many cases available, not only our own but also those belonging to the Southern California Exposition which the manager, Paul Mannen, is very generously allowing us to use.

So there is every prospect that you can have any reasonable number of cases for your material. But we do request that you let Douglas Decker, Sr. know by October 20 at the latest just how many cases you want so we can distribute them fairly, and not waste any. His address is 2837 - K Ave., National City, Calif. A charge of 50¢ per case will be made as is customary.

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OUR "WOODEN NICKELS" for the convention have been received and distribution started at the last meeting. They are quite neat and attractive (the designs being the work of Sandra Decker); they are round and in three varieties, a set of which is sold for its face value, 40¢. They may be obtained from Francis Jones, 120 Upas St., San Diego 3, Calif.

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The southern officers of the C.S.N.A. will hold a meeting in October to discuss convention matters as well as other subjects important to the association. It is planned to hold this at the Mission Inn, Riverside, October 2.

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The City of San Diego and the Chamber of Commerce promise all cooperation for the SAN DIEGO convention, but they fell down in one respect. The city plans to build a $7,500,000 convention hall - and that would be fine for us. If we had it. As it is, we can't quite figure out how to hold our SAN DIEGO convention on the blueprints.

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Oh well, maybe we will have that hall for our next SAN DIEGO convention.

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Meanwhile we can show our visitors the air through which the convention hall is going to rise.

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Tom Ward has a letter from the Long Beach Convention and Visitors Bureau inviting us to have another C.S.N.A. convention in that city. At present the next southern convention is planned for Santa Barbara, but this will be decided definitely later.

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OUR SICK LIST - Unfortunately we have Phyllis Lowthian on it this time. She underwent an operation early in September; but we are pleased to say that she made a complete recovery.

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Twenty years from now - or maybe sooner - there will be a new coin collector in the S.D.N.S. What we mean is that there is a new arrival in the Tom McDaniel family; we congratulate Tom and Mrs. Tom, and wish the new baby all of the best.

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We are indebted to Frenchy Vigneault for the above information; but he couldn't tell us if it was a boy or a girl. How on earth Frenchy can be so uncertain about such details is something we fail to understand.

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WE GOTTA GET A NEW SECRETARY - And we sure are sorry. Lyle Gordon is being transferred to Oregon, so will have to resign at the next meeting, and President Jim Andersen will have to appoint a new secretary to finish Lyle's term. Lyle's temporary address until he leaves for the north will be: 2994 Naugatuck Drive, San Diego.

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We regret losing Lyle, who has done a fine job for us; but we wish him all kinds of good luck where he is going, and hope to have him back with us again some day.

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Last month we told you about the fine rug that Mrs.

Andersen made and donated for the convention fund, but we failed to say who won it. This was Earl Summers.

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NEW MEMBERS WE WELCOME THIS MONTH:

CRUTCHER, Donald L.	4697 Date Ave., La Mesa
MERRITT, Joseph G.	P. O. Box 201, Lemon Grove
MURRAY, Wayne H., Jr.	8453 Macawa St., San Diego 11

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AND WE ALSO WELCOME an old member back, after a long absence:

O'BRIEN, James P.	1144 Catalina Blvd., San Diego 7

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EXHIBITS AT OUR LAST MEETING:

Lew Panosh: The Medal of Merit presented to him by the A.N.A.; A.N.A. convention photographs badges and souvenirs; coins obtained at the convention including specimens from Siam, Greece, Libya, Somalia, etc., all in plastic; "wooden nickels"

Paul Hamm: U.S. and Canadian dollars; sales tax tokens of many states

Lyle Gordon: Continental Currency and Colonial coins

Also our National Coin Week report book was on display; we guess that all of you know the book itself is the work of Mildred Fischer and the contents of Francis Jones.

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Still, these weren't very many displays; can we have more next time?

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Anna Panosh reported on the A.N.A. convention, especially from the angle of a club representative and the ladies' activities. She covered the ground very well, giving a good outline of the duties and accomplishments of the representatives. Anna was, as you may recall, substituting for Doc Ray Wilson, our regular representative, who was unable to attend.

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Lew Panosh followed with a general report on the con-

vention, and also described the aims and objects of the A.N.A. - its accomplishments, the advantages of belonging, etc.

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Incidentally Lew won an outstanding distinction at the convention, in addition to his medal of Merit. He received his commission as Admiral of the Navy of Nebraska.

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So we suppose that at the next meeting he will appear all covered with gold braid.

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We had a larger S.D.N.S. representation at the A.N.A. convention than we had expected. In addition to Lew and Anna, they were:

Chris Petersen	Jim Andersen
Haven Petersen	Thelma Case
Karl Brainard	Sam Kabealo
Grace Brainard	Lew Reagan
Don Sherer	Abe Kosoff
Abner Kreisberg	Paul Kagin

Yeah; we know all them people don't live here, but they are S.D.N.S.ers just the same.

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MODERN TRANSPORTATION DEPT. - In making some remarks about the convention, Jim Andersen said his flight to Omaha was his first airplane ride; and when he phoned his wife upon his arrival, she could hardly believe he got there so soon.

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Jim said he was kind of tired after the trip, so he slept through the auction. Well, just think of the money he saved that way.

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MORE TRAVEL NEWS - Mildred Fischer will be away for a while, as she is going to Ohio to visit her husband, Louie. As most of you know, Louie had to go there on a job which may take him a year or more to complete.

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Mildred says she is going to fly there. However we looked very closely, and couldn't see any signs of

any wings busting out through her dress.

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But of course she probably meant she was going to fly by plane. She said she was scared; and that is likely to get her in bad with Louie, who makes airplanes for a living.

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If everyone was scared to ride in airplanes, how would Louie and Mildred get any money to buy coins with?

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At the last meeting we had considerable discussion of our National Coin Week report book, which the A.N.A. found to be the finest ever submitted. Thereupon the Hermit of Skunk Hollow who always has ideas - even if they aren't any good - suggested that we just change the dates on the book and resubmit it next time, thus saving a lot of work.

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Doc Ray Wilson, who needs another camera just about as much as Irving and Mattie Knickerbocker need another Cadillac, bought one just the same. From Doc's explanation we gather that this is a special kind with six speeds forward and two in reverse, self-cooling, capable of taking a picture in the bottom of a tar barrel at midnight, etc. Doc is always taking pictures and he makes slides of coins. With this new special job, we expect his next slides will be so realistic that when they are flashed on the screen, the coins will drop off on the floor.

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Gene Johnston again conducted our auction. We didn't know the 1921 Mexican peso was so rare, but when Gene offered one, he got a bidding duel between Frenchy Vigneault and Paul Hamm.

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A SLEEPER? - And we don't mean Sam Chamberlain, either. We mean that Gene sold a broken bank note of the Summit County Bank, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio to Atwood MacDonald for $1, and congratulated himself on beating a Scotchman. But it ain't so easy to beat a Scotchman. Atwood says this is a scarce bill selling usually for

about $17. So let that be a lesson to anyone else contemplating stinging the Scotch.

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Speaking of Sam Chamberlain, we learned why he and Marie and Doc Bruce Wallace weren't at the meeting. They mailed us a post card from Lake Tahoe.

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THE NEW COIN CLUB - Charles Nissen of Carlsbad attended our last meeting, and said that the club just organized in his city also takes in Oceanside, so we guess we should call it the Oceanside Carlsbad Coin Club. Further, he announced that the next meeting on October 5 at 1103 Oak Ave., Carlsbad will be "Ladies' Night", with all ladies especially invited. He said it took some time to get the new club started, but now it is making good progress. They even have a club house on his property. So let's go look them up - and bring along the ladies.

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Not having no lady, the Hermit of Skunk Hollow asks if it will be all right for him to bring a lady skunk.

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NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA - This is a new regional organization whose secretary, Harold Donald, tells us is for the purpose of forming closer relationships among collectors in the Los Angeles area. The intention is to hold dinners, conventions, exhibits, auctions, etc. on a wider scale than can be done by any single club. The first convention is scheduled for February 17-19 at the Hotel Clark, Los Angeles; it will feature displays, bourse, banquet, and auction conducted by Sam Kabealo. Dues have been set at $1 per year. Harold further emphatically assures us that this new association is in no way intended to compete with the California State Numismatic Association; it is only felt that with the large number of collectors in and near Los Angeles, there is room for an additional society to serve their interests. We expect to be able to tell you more later; meanwhile all information may be obtained from Harold Donald, 19291 Oxnard St., Tarzana, Calif.

Our suggestion to make the September meeting a "going away" party for Clive Foss was no good. He left before the meeting. His course will last for two years, but he will be back during summer vacations and also for a few days each Christmas.

Clive's new address is: Taylor Hall 15, Philips Academy, Andover, Mass. He further advises that mail sent to his La Mesa address, 4549 - 4th Ave., will reach him.

All of us wish Clive good progress in his studies, and look forward to the time he will return.

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A NEW COIN CONDITION was sprung on Gene Johnston. A boy asked Gene what he would pay for a coin he described as in "uncertified" condition.

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Which makes about as much sense as some of the other classifications we have seen.

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Come to think of it, we have bought coins which should have been described that way.

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STYLE SECTION - We guess we must have discouraged Anna Panosh by our remarks about her pancake hat last month. Because she abandoned the hat back in Kansas.

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While the hot weather had let up a bit, still at our last meeting many of us fellers were dressed for it. We never saw so many fancy shirts at once. We wouldn't have been surprised at Doc Bruce Wallace in one of 'em; but Abe Beck looked quite kiddish in the one he said he paid 95¢ for.

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That's a good idea too; if you can buy cheap shirts for 95¢ you can have more money left to buy coins.

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Francis Jones wore a Persian pattern, so maybe he's getting interested in Persia, and will start collecting Persian coins.

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Paul Hamm went in for a check design. That's all right

too; being our treasurer, Paul naturally deals in checks.

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Maybe he can use some of those checks to pay our bills.

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And Clyde Heaton's plaid no doubt was the tartan of the Clan Heaton.

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But we don't know what the design of Bill Bell's shirt was supposed to represent. We can only conclude that it was some new-fangled kind of futuristic painting.

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We would hate to accuse Mattie Knickerbocker of going in for a shell game. But Mattie, who often appears with weird handbags, showed up with one covered with shells.

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We don't mean artillery shells; we mean sea shells.

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CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS IN SAN DIEGO - The entire outside of Atwood MacDonald's New Palace Hotel is in the process of being refinished. So maybe now Atwood will raise the hotel rates to pay for the paint. This should serve as a warning to Gene Johnston, who lives in Atwood's hotel.

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In his monthly paper, Abe Kosoff gives up a pat on the back for our success in National Coin Week. And of course we have been patting ourselves on the back anyway. Francis Jones got so many back pats that his back should be worn raw.

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The big Fallbrook fire did not harm any of our Fallbrook members - Charlie Leuschner, Mac McAnear, nor Tom Ward. Charlie's place was the closest, but still far enough away to be missed. However it really did a lot of damage, burning three houses, an unfinished house, a nursery, a barn, farm machinery and autos, several avocado groves, and a strawberry plantation, destroying 1600 acres in all.

A FEW RARE SPECIMENS WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ATTRIBUTED:

1. Ob: Bust of Bill Bell right, wearing engineer's cap and with bandana draped around neck.
   Rx: Bill kneeling left, winding up toy locomotive.
2. Ob: Bust of Roy Hill right, in wreath of bus tickets.
   Rx: Map of U.S.; above, Roy as Icarius flying to left.
3. Ob: Bust of Lew Panosh right, with oversize cigar; symbol, smoke ring.
   Rx: Octopus with face of Lew; tentacles grasp gavel, A.N.A. and C.S.N.A. application blanks, Siamese tokens, etc.
4. Ob: Bust of Irving Knickerbocker left; symbol, prune in ice tongs.
   Rx: Three Cadillacs.
5. Ob: Bust of Ed Fogler right; symbol, poker chip.
   Rx: Hand holding royal flush.
6. Ob: Bust of Doc Bruce Wallace right; symbol, pair of spectacles.
   Rx: Tank of tropical fish in wreath of guns, daggers, orchids, and mineral specimens.
7. Ob: Bust of Louie Walrath left; symbol, tin snips.
   Rx: The Tin Woodman of Oz, seated left on a pile of tin cans.
8. Ob: Bust of Gail Walrath right, wearing a worried expression; symbol, can of cat food.
   Rx: Eight cats.
9. Ob: Bust of Doc Ray Wilson right; symbol, forceps holding tooth.
   Rx: Doc on podium left, with slide projector; to left, group of collectors.
10. Ob: Bust of Atwood MacDonald right, wearing Glengarry cap; symbol, kilt.
    Rx: Atwood facing, holding shotgun and guarding safe.
11. Ob: Bust of Bill Roberts right, wearing leis.
    Rx: Bill standing left on prow, waving good bye to his wife.
12. Ob: Bust of Sam Chamberlain facing, with eyes closed.

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Rx: A wrecked Oldsmobile.
13. Ob: Bust of Paul Boltz left; symbol, a Boltz proof radiate.
Rx: Paul left, applying a coin to grindstone.
14. Ob: Bust of Tom Ward right, wearing coonskin cap.
Rx: Whisky still between two skunks rampant.

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THE CLASSICAL COLLECTORS: Coming programs -

October 21: "When Egypt Ruled the East" by Dr. Gleason Archer at his home, 618 Hermosa St., South Pasadena

November 18: "Vitruvius" by George Bennett at his home, 1952 Rodesdale St., Los Angeles.

December 16: "Vesuvius and Pompeii" by Earle Stanton at his home, 1967 West Silver Lake Drive, Los Angeles.

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How about making our next meeting a "going away" party for Lyle Gordon, inasmuch as we couldn't hold one for Clive Foss?

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Jim Malone ain't changing jobs after all. When he found he would have to work in the same place as Tom Ward, he just naturally called it off.

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As almost anyone would.

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NEXT MEETING: Monday, November 7 at Y.M.C.A., 8th Ave. and C St., San Diego, Calif. Nominations of officers for 1956.

CALIFORNIA STATE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION CONVENTION, Thursday, November 10 through Sunday, November 13 at Hotel U. S. Grant, San Diego, Calif.

THE CONVENTION - The above notice is the last notification we can give you about this important event; we expect you all have made your plans to attend by now, but if not, you still have time to get ready.
The last SAN DIEGO convention was a high point in the history of the C.S.N.A.; this one will be even better. We have already given you an outline of what is planned; so be sure to come to San Diego November 10-13. You will be glad you did.

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OUR NEW SECRETARY is Eugene D. Johnston, 1006 Broadway, San Diego 1, Calif., who will finish out the term of Lyle Gordon who, as we told you last month, is being transferred from San Diego. This job is not new for Gene, as he has held it before - and we know he'll do just as good a job as he used to do.

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Although Lyle Gordon is leaving, he expects to be here long enough to attend both our November meeting, as well as the SAN DIEGO convention of the C.S.N.A.

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NOMINATIONS OF OFFICERS for 1956 will be made at the next meeting; President Jim Andersen has appointed Lew Panosh, Doc Ray Wilson, and Doc Bruce Wallace as a nominations committee.
While this committee will present names at the November 7 meeting, it is always to be understood that this does not bar anyone from making any nomination to any office up to the time of elections at the December

meeting. The names submitted by the committee are to be considered as suggestions - the members who the committee believe able and willing to stand for the offices to which they are named.

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NATIONAL COIN WEEK 1959 CHAIRMAN will be Francis Jones. It seems that Francis didn't understand that he had been appointed at a previous meeting, so President Jim Andersen appointed him all over again.

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If this involves an extra appointment for Francis, we can just apply it to him for 1957 National Coin Week.

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At the last meeting Francis spoke on the SAN DIEGO convention, and asked for volunteers to assist on various jobs. Bill Bell offered to help on the registration desk. Louie Walrath offered his truck to carry display cases. Others offered aid in handling the cases, lights, and other chores; we didn't get the names of all of 'em, but they included Abe Beck, Frenchy Vigneault, Ricky Kaufman, Narciso Morales, and Eugene Cooper. Anyone else willing to help can get in touch with Francis at 120 Upas St., San Diego 3.

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And you can also get our "wooden nickels" from Francis. They are 40¢ per set of 3, the profits going to the convention fund.

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We are grateful to Clyde and Mrs. Heaton for donating a fine cutlery set which was auctioned off for the benefit of the convention fund; the auctioning was done by Doc Bruce Wallace, and Jim Andersen was high bidder.

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DISPLAYS AT OUR LAST MEETING sure were skimpy; but Jim Andersen showed a frame of Columbian Exposition material - the coins, admission tickets, etc. He said he thought this to be appropriate because Columbus Day occurs this month.

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Part of Jim's display was a coin dealer's price list,

with the Isabella quarter quoted at 50¢. We don't know why he showed this list; he refused to sell his specimen for that price.

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NEW MEMBERS WE WELCOME THIS MONTH:

OLDHAM, John L.	2466 Calle Agua Dulce, San Diego 14
WOOLSEY, Mrs. Mildred	5210 Campanile Drive, San Diego 15

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The lunch at our last meeting was prepared by Helen Dixon and Edna Bliss; thanks, gals.

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THE SAN DIEGO JUNIOR NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, our junior branch, held another successful meeting with 18 young people present, plus 5 adults. Ricky Kaufman gave an interesting talk on various coins of special interest, such as the 1942 over 1941 dime, the 1883 gold plated nickel, the 3-legged buffalo nickel, etc. Frenchy Vigneault again calls attention to the need of donations for the junior auctions so they can be sold at prices which the juniors can afford to pay. Among those donating for the last auction were Frank Hernandez, 20 Indian cents; Atwood MacDonald, 20 transportation tokens; Lyle Gordon, Japanese paper money; and Paul Hamm, a broken bank note.

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THE OCEANSIDE-CARLSBAD COIN CLUB - A fair delegation of S.D.N.S. members attended the October meeting of this new club - and a few of them joined it. Present were Jim Andersen, Lyle Gordon, Charlie Leuschner, Paul Hamm, Mac McAnear, Jim Malone, Tom Ward, Clyde and Mrs. Heaton, and Douglas and Mrs. Decker. Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 1103 Oak Ave., Carlsbad, the home of the club's president, Charles Nisson. He has a small club house on his property; the meetings take place there and overflow into an adjoining patio. There were so many at the last meeting that it was mostly in that patio. Mr. Nisson served a very nice barbecue supper to the members and guests, and they did full justice to it.

All of the Carlsbad and Oceanside members are quite enthusiastic, and the club has all the signs of becoming very active.

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Mr. Nissen reported that 1955-S cents seem very common in the Oceanside-Carlsbad area, the banks having many of them, and others showing up in common circulation. For instance, when a large local market told him they had $15 worth which they would trade for other cents, he asked his bank for $15 in cents, and when he got them, they all were 1955-S too.

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THE CONVAIR COIN CLUB, which closes during the summer, has resumed meetings and the next one will be on November 1 at Dartlee Hall, 3680 - 6th Ave., San Diego. Visitors are invited. The meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month.

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TRAVEL NEWS - we told you last month that we heard from the Wallace-Chamberlain party at Lake Tahoe; Doc says they kept ducking in and out of the swimming pool for five days.

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Seems kind of restless to us. And why bother with the pool when they had a large lake available?

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Doc, Sam, and Mac found conditions in Reno a little rough; the ivory ball kept dropping into the wrong compartment every time. But they had a little better luck in Las Vegas.

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By "better luck" Doc doubtless means that they didn't lose quite so much.

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They also visited both rims of the Grand Canyon, and in Flagstaff Sam read an ad for a special deal on Oldsmobiles in Hermosa. So he rushed back to buy a new Oldsmobile Holiday 98; and is so swelled up with pride in it that he hasn't been able to button his shirt ever since.

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"98" doesn't mean that it is an 1898 model.

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Sam's new Oldsmobile makes Doc Bruce Wallace feel cheap, as he is still pushing his old 1949 Lincoln. Still, Sam let him drive the new car so he wouldn't feel too bad.

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And while we are on the subject of new automobiles: the Hermit of Skunk Hollow, who always runs an auto until there is nothing left of it (like the wonderful one-horse shay), finally had to buy another one. Another DeSoto.

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The automobile agency refused to accept Roman coins in payment.

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The Hermit claims that Mac McAnear is responsible for this additional expense of his. Mac operates a service station and garage at Fallbrook; when the Hermit brought in his old car for some work on it, Mac shook his head so sadly over it that the Hermit was afraid to drive it any longer.

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NEWS FROM THE DESERT (brought by our own special camel express) - This is from Bob and Lu Whited who, you will remember, emigrated to Lancaster in the Mojave Desert. We thought we had it hot in September, but Lu says that out where they are, people don't die; they just sizzle and dry up.

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The Whiteds are reported as being tanned to a beautiful bronze color like Indians. So maybe when they return they will be wearing feathers in their hair.

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Bob and Lu ain't yet located any coin collectors in or near Lancaster, so Lu has been concentrating on making rugs and quilts. She exhibited some at the Antelope Valley Alfalfa Festival, and took 14 first awards, 7 seconds, and 1 third. She also took the sweepstakes prize for her canning. So she did right well - but you can always expect S.D.N.S. people to do that.

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There are a couple of details she failed to enlighten us on. This being an alfalfa festival, were her rugs made of alfalfa? And did she get her canning prize for canning alfalfa?

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Anyway Lu got so many ribbons that she should be able to make her next quilt out of 'em.

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S.D.N.S. members always are distinguished. Last month we reported that Lew Penosh was awarded the A.N.A. Medal of Merit; and now we can add that Ed Fogler also was awarded one - so we congratulate him too.

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And our only English member seems to have attained a new distinction. Spink's have long displayed the Royal coat-of-arms with a caption stating that they were medallists to the late King George VI; now it announces that they are medallists to Queen Elizabeth II.

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Being that Spink's belongs to the S.D.N.S., we claim that any distinction thus given by the Queen applies to all us other members as well.

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Earl Parker and his family are vacationing in Alaska. We understand that this is to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary

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Maybe Earl is up there after some of that there Alaska gold.

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OUR SICK LIST - This time we are sorry to have Anna Penosh on it. She underwent a rather serious operation

but had a rapid recovery, at which we are very much pleased.

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Lew Panosh also has recovered; while Anna was being operated on, Lew wore grooves in the carpet of the hospital's waiting room.

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While Esther Spence is not one of our members, many of us know her; and we are sorry to say that she is in a Los Angeles hospital for her fifth surgical experience in a little over two years. We are glad to learn that she is making good progress, and hopes to be able to attend the SAN DIEGO convention. We hope so too.

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So as not to leave you in the dark any longer, we herewith officially report that the new McDaniel baby is a girl.

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INDUSTRIAL REPORT FROM VISTA - Louie Walrath tells us that he can make any of those raw - we mean rare - specimens we listed last month, in his metal works. So if any of them show up with a W mint mark, you will know that stands for "Walrath".

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FINANCIAL REPORT - Atwood MacDonald denies that he is going to raise the rates in his New Palace Hotel just because he refinished the exterior. He expects to be able to pay for that work with the profits he will make on all the 1955-S cents he is stashing away.

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Here's a suggestion for Gene Johnston, who lives in Atwood's New Palace Hotel. He can pay his hotel bills with 1955-S cents.

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But maybe Atwood will eventually have so many of 'em that he will be using 1955-S cents to pay his own bills.

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Or Minnie MacDonald might use them to buy more gold coins for her collection. Even if she did have to use them by the wheelbarrow load.

NUMISMATIC DEFINITIONS - Four years ago we printed a numismatic dictionary - such as it was. Both of our readers have asked for a supplement, so we present it herewith.

ALBUM - Coins which are no good; that is, all bum
ANNA - an Indian coin named after Anna Panosh
ANTIQUE - any piece of Grand Rapids furniture you buy in an antique shop
ASSES - donkeys
BACTRIAN - infested with bacteria
BANK - the edge of a river
BANKER'S MARK - usually a scowl
BANK NOTE - a note the bank makes you sign when you borrow money
BANK STAMP - the "N.S.F." the bank stamps on your checks
BAR - a saloon
BARBER QUARTER - a quarter you give the barber for a tip
BAR MONEY - money you spend in a bar
BATZ - mice with wings
BAWBEE - an infant
BES - a familiar name for Queen Elizabeth I
BESANT - founder of the Theosophist movement
BIGATI - narrow-minded people
BILL - (1) a bird's beak; (2) what you get on the first of the month
BILLON - the next highest reckoning after million
BLANK - the way you look when a coin dealer quotes a price
BROCKAGE - the age of General Brock
BULLET MONEY - Congressional war appropriations
BUST - an explosion
CABINET WEAR - clothing kept in cabinets
CAROLUS - Christmas songs
CARTWHEEL - a sideways somersault
CAST COIN - one you cast into a wishing well
COIN - a town in Spain
COIN HOLDER - a miser, or tight-fisted character
COMMEMORATIVE - permanent issues in honor of Booker T. Washington and George Washington Carver

COUNTERSTAMP - a stamp bought on the counter of a post office
COWRIE - money used to buy cows
CRAZIE - insane
CRUZERO - a warship
DEBASEMENT - pushing a baseball player off base
DECORATION - a red nose
DEFLATION - a flat tire
DEMONETIZE - running out of money
DENIER - one who denies something
DEPRESSION MONEY - your last dollar
DIDRACHM - a fatal drink
DINAR - the main meal of the day
DOLLAR - owner of the Dollar Steamship Lines
DOUBLE EAGLE - twins who join the Fraternal Order of Eagles
DOUBLOON - the capital of Ireland
DUMP - a place for the disposal of trash
ELECTRUM - rum given away by politicians at elections
FENG - a tooth
FIAT MONEY - money you use to buy a Fiat car
FILLER - an operator of a gas station, as Mac McAnear
FOLLES - a burlesque show
FRACTIONAL CURRENCY - our present money, which buys only a fraction of what it used to
FRANC - the first name of that distinguished collector of crowns
FOUREE - covered with fur
GOLD - an obsolete coinage metal
GROS - 144 of anything
GUILDER - a sign painter who gilds letters
GUINEA - a kind of fowl
GULDEN - a den where gulls live
GUN MONEY - a war loan
HARD TIMES TOKEN - patched pants
HELLER - a very gay and lively fellow
HOLEY DOLLAR - one which you drop in the church collection plate
IMPERIAL - the face foliage worn by Napoleon III
KARAT - an orange-colored vegetable

(To be continued)

"1913 NICKEL' FOUND PHONY - Corpus Christi, Tex. (AP) - B. F. Rimmer read in the Corpus Christi Caller of an expert coin collector visiting here with a 1913 Liberty-head nickel valued at more than $10,000. Rimmer quickly called the newspaper. "I've one too!" he exclaimed.

Expert J. V. McDermott of South Milwaukee, Wis., convinced Rimmer the nickel was a phony. The date on many 1910 and 1912 Liberty heads have been illegally altered to appear as 1913 coins.

Only five 1913 Liberty head nickels were made and the whereabouts of each is known.

- San Diego Tribune

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THE COIN MARKET - We obtained a very interesting price list of an English coin dealer, and we are tempted to send him a large order. Some of his prices (changed to U.S. money) are:

Greek: gold from $3.60 to $24.30; silver from 24¢ to $15.30; bronze from 12¢ to $1.20.

Roman: gold from $4.32 to $15.30; silver from 24¢ to $12.72; bronze from 6¢ to $12.72.

Ancient British: gold from $4.32 to $12.72; silver from 60¢ to $4.86; bronze from 48¢ to $1.80.

As for condition, he describes them as "exquisite specimens in high preservation".

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The only slight drawback is that this attractive list was printed in 1837.

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Anyway we are going to call these prices to the attention of Spink's and see if they can meet 'em. After all Spink's were in business before 1837, so they may have some old Greek and Romans on hand ever since that date; and if so, they might be willing to sell 'em at 1837 prices.

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But we don't really think so.

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We wonder how Clive Foss is getting along back in Massachusetts.

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FREE MONEY GOES BEGGING - Boone, N. C. (AP) - It's not easy to give money away. At least that's the conclusion of J. B. Johnson, who likes to study human psychology.
With 10 crisp dollar bills, Johnson recently stood on a street corner here and offered money to 23 pedestrians. Only three persons accepted the bills.
"Truth of the matter is humans don't trust each other any more", Johnson observed.
For instance, one woman told him, "Young man, don't bother me. I'm not interested in your tricks". Another said sharply, "Please, out of my way".
The experiment led Johnson to this summation: "people work hard for money. Some steal it. Some try to manufacture it. But few will let you give it to them".

- San Diego Union

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The reason Gene Johnston wasn't at the last meeting is that he was touring Washington state with Ralph Mitchell. What a combination!

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Ralph was peddling gasoline; we don't know what Gene was doing. Carrying the cans, we guess.

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And now we will close by saying we want to see all of you at the SAN DIEGO convention. And when we say "all" we mean "all". No exceptions.

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SAN DIEGO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

CONSTITUTION

Article 1. Name and Object

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the SAN DIEGO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY here-in-after referred to as the Society.

Section 2. The object of the Society shall be to promote, develop and foster numismatics in all its branches along educational, historical and scientific lines, and to provide opportunities for collectors to share in an organization of mutual interest and good fellowship. The club shall also promote coin collecting among the general public, form and maintain a cabinet of numismatic specimens and acquire a library of numismatic literature for the use of its members.

Article II. Membership

Section 1. Any person of good character who is interested in the objects and activities of the Society, and who agrees to abide by its rules shall be eligible for membership.

Section 2. The membership of the Society shall consist of Active Members, Junior Members and Honorary Members.

Section 3. Active Members shall be those persons eighteen years of age or over. They shall have the right to vote and to hold office as here-in-after provided.

Section 4. Junior Members shall be those persons who have not reached their eighteenth birthday. They shall not have the right to vote or hold any office except that of Junior Vice President nor to participate in auctions unless vouched for by an adult member.

Section 5. Honorary Members shall be those persons whom the Society deems worthy of special recognition for services rendered in the cause of numismatics. Such recognition may be granted for a single outstanding service or a series of services rendered over a period of time. Honorary memberships shall be for the calendar year only.

Section 6. No member in good standing shall be denied access to the membership roster.

Article III. Officers

Section 1. The following elective officers shall be chosen from the Active Membership in good standing: a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and three members of the Executive Board. No member shall hold two offices concurrently.

Section 2. A Junior Vice President shall be elected from the Junior Members of the Society.

Section 3. The three members of the Executive Board shall be elected for a term of three years, one member to be elected each year.

Section 4. The elective officers shall be chosen by ballot at the December meeting, and shall serve for a period of one year or until their successors have been duly elected and installed.

Section 5. Appointive officers, chairmen of committees, and committee members, shall be appointed by the President as here-in-after provided, and they shall serve for the calendar year or until dismissed by the President.

Article IV. Meetings

Section 1. All regular meetings of the Society shall be held in metropolitan San Diego, on a date and at a place and time deemed suitable to the needs and conveniences of a majority of the membership.

Section 2. Special meetings may be held at such time and place as the occasion may require, provided all members are duly notified.

Article V. Revenue

Section 1. The principal revenue of the Society shall be derived from dues and/or fees as may be provided by the By-Laws.

Section 2. Other sources of revenue may be developed from activities of the Society.

Section 3. The revenues of the Society shall be solely for expenses incurred in the conduct of its meetings and activities and in promoting the objects of the Society as set forth here-to-fore.

Article VI. Government

Section 1. The governing power of the Society shall be vested in a body to be known as the Executive Board, which shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, the immediate past President, and three elected members, each of whom shall have one vote. The Executive Board shall meet once a month and it shall submit to each regular meeting of the Society a reading of the minutes of its proceedings.

Section 2. Any member in good standing may attend these Board meetings and may participate in its discussions, but may not have a vote.

Section 3. Any action of the Executive Board may be subject to review and revision by the Society as a whole at any regular meeting. The Board may refer any matter, which it deems proper, to the membership for action.

Article VII. Amendments

Section 1. This Constitution may be amended only at a regular meeting of the Society by a two-thirds vote, provided the proposed amendment has

been read at a previous meeting and all members have been given due notice of such proposed change and the date of the regular meeting at which such amendment is to be voted upon.

Section 2. All amendments receiving favorable action by the Society become effective immediately upon official announcement of the result of such vote by the presiding officer.

Article VIII. Effective Date

Section 1. This Constitution shall take effect November 1, 1954.

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The SAN DIEGO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY meets on the first Monday of each month at the Y.M.C.A., 1115 Eighth Avenue, San Diego, California at 8:00 PM. Visitors are always welcome at these meetings. Coins and medals are displayed at meetings, and talks are given on coins and topics of numismatic interest.

Collectors and their friends visiting in San Diego are cordially invited to attend.

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Inquiries regarding the SAN DIEGO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY should be addressed to the Secretary:

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Article 1. Meetings

Section 1. Regular meetings of the Society shall be held on the first Monday of each calendar month, or for special occasions or when legal holidays conflict, the meeting date may be changed by a majority vote at a regular meeting and notice there of shall be given by the Secretary in writing at least seven (7) days before the date of the said meeting.

Section 2. Special meetings may be called by the President, or shall be called by the President on the application of ten (10) members in good standing, or by a majority vote of the members at a regular meeting. A notice stating the object of such meeting shall be delivered or mailed by the Secretary at least seven (7) days prior to the date of such meeting. Should the President fail or refuse to call such meetings, or should the Secretary fail or refuse to notify the members, any active member in good standing may call the meeting upon giving notice there-of in the manner provided.

Section 3. The annual meeting of the members of the Society shall be held in the month of December of each year. At this meeting annual reports of the officers of the Society, as well as committee reports, will be received, and new officers installed, unless a special meeting is called for that purpose.

Section 4. At either regular or special meetings of the Society the presence of twenty (20) per cent of the active members of the Society in good standing shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and any transaction at a meeting so constituted shall be valid provided the same be affirmatively determined upon by a majority or as may be otherwise specifically provided for.

Section 5. At any regular or special meeting of the Society each Active Member present and in good standing shall be entitled to one vote. Vote by proxy will not be accepted.

Article II Dues

Section 1. The dues of the Society shall be Two Dollars ($2.00) a year for Active Members, and One Dollar ($1.00) a year for Junior Members, payable in advance.

Section 2. The dues of new members who join on or after July 1 shall be One Dollar ($1.00) for Active Members, and Fifty Cents ($0.50) for Junior Members, for the remainder of that year.

Article III. Application for Membership

Section 1. It being one of the objectives of the Society to build a sizeable membership of persons interested in numismatics, all applications for membership shall be accepted except for reasonable cause.

Section 2. Application for Active and Junior memberships may be submitted to the Membership Committee at any regular meeting. Applications for Junior Membership must be signed by least by one parent. The Junior applications shall contain parental consent for the Junior members to participate in the auctions.

Section 3. Notice of applications shall be made in the Bulletin. If no written objections are received by the Secretary, applicants will become members without motion.

Section 4. Upon receipt of any such objection, the Secretary shall return the application to the Membership Committee, which shall report its findings to the membership at the earliest possible meeting. Sponsoring member may at any time withdraw such application. During the discussion of

the application, the meeting shall be closed to nonmembers. A simple majority may elect or reject.

Section 5. Any monies paid shall be returned upon rejection of application.

Section 6. Honorary Members may be elected by a majority vote at any regular meeting of the Society.

Article IV. Committees

Section 1. The presiding officer of the Society may appoint from time to time such committees and appointive officers as he may deem necessary or desirable or as may be authorized by the Society.

Section 2. The following officers shall be named by the President: Librarian-Curator, Parliamentarian-Historian, Editor.

Section 3. The regular standing committees of the Society shall be:

(a) Membership Committee of at least three members;

(b) Program Committee of at least three members;

(c) Auction Committee of at least two members;

(d) Publicity Committee of at least three members;

(e) Junior Committee of at least five adult members who shall act as couselors for Junior Members in the Society;

(f) National Coin Week Committee shall be named in October.

Section 4. An Auditing Committee of at least three members will be appointed at the November meeting to make an annual audit of the records and property of the Society. An Auditing Committee may be appointed by the presiding officer at such other times as he deems necessary.

Section 5. The presiding officer shall appoint at the October meeting a Nominating Committee to consist of at least three members in good standing. In addition, members of the Society in good standing may nominate from the floor at the

October meeting, any additional members in good standing to serve on the Nominating Committee. The presiding officer may either appoint such additional nominees to the Committee or they may be appointed by a majority vote of the members present. The Nominating Committee shall render its report at the November meeting.

Article V. Election of Officers

Section 1. After the report of the Nominating Committee has been made at the November meeting, nominations from the floor will be in order. Nominations from the floor may also be made at the December meeting prior to the election of officers. A motion that nominations be closed may not be entertained by the presiding officer until the December meeting. A reasonable opportunity will be granted for all nominations to be made. Notice of all nominations shall be sent to all active members at least seven (7) days before the December meeting.

Section 2. Candidates nominated by the Nominating Committee, or from the floor, shall be elected separately by ballots cast by individual members present at the regular meeting in December.

Section 3. The candidates for an office, receiving a majority of the votes cast shall be declared elected. If there are more than two candidates for any office, and none received a majority vote on the first ballot, a run-off shall be conducted between only the two highest candidates on the first ballot.

Section 4. Officers thus duly elected to serve for the ensuing year will be installed at the December meeting, following the election of officers, unless a special meeting is called for that purpose.

Article VI. Duties of Officers

Section 1. President. The President shall

preside at all meetings of the [illegible] the Executive Board. He shall decide all points of order; perform all other duties incidental to that office and such other duties as are prescribed from time to time by action of the members; appoint chairmen and all committees and appoint members to all regular and special committees, excepting when otherwise voted by the membership. The President shall be ex-officio member of all committees. The President shall vote on any issue only in case of a tie vote. In case of any vacancy in any office, the President shall have the power to appoint a successor to fill the unexpired term of such vacancy. The signature of the President, the Secretary and the Treasurer shall be filed with the bank with which the Society is currently doing business, and any two signatures must appear on all checks and vouchers.

Section 2. Vice President. The Vice President shall assume the duties of the President in his absence or inability to act, and he shall at all times aid and assist the President in the discharge of his duties.

Section 3. Junior Vice President. The Junior Vice President shall assist the President in his duties insofar as they pertain to the Junior Membership. He shall particularly endeavor to aid and encourage the Junior Members to taking part in club activities, making displays, etc.

Section 4. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall receive, receipt for and account for all monies, securities and funds which are the property of the Society. He shall deposit all funds in the name of the Society only, in a bank or banks designated by the Executive Board. He shall disburse no money except by check or authorization of the Executive Board.

Section 5. Secretary. The Secretary shall keep a record in accurate and permanent form of all meetings of the Society and of meeting of the Executive

Board. He shall be custodian of all property of the Society not specifically held by other officers of the Society. He will issue membership cards and keep an accurate record of all members. He will conduct all correspondence on behalf of the Society. He will send out notices of meetings. He will collect all dues and pay same to the Treasurer, taking his receipt thereof. He shall keep a record of all property of the Society.

Section 6. Librarian-Curator. The Librarian-Curator shall have charge of the books, papers, coins, medals, etc., which the Society now owns or may acquire, and he shall provide access thereto to the members as may now or shall hereafter be prescribed.

Section 7. Parliamentarian-Historian. This officer shall familiarize himself with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Society and with Robert's Rules of Order, and he shall be prepared to furnish information or be prepared such information on the call of the President or presiding officer. As historian he will familiarize himself with the past history of the Society, and he will prepare annually in written form a continuing history of the Society. He will from time to time recommend such changes in the Constitution and By-Laws, and in the procedure of the Society, as he may deem proper. This office shall be appointive, such appointment to be made by the President.

Article VII. Loss of Membership

Section 1. A member of the Society can resign at any time by submitting a written letter of resignation.

Section 2. A member of the Society who has not paid his current annual dues by July 1 of the current year will be automatically dropped from membership. The Secretary will read the names of those members to be dropped for non-payment of dues,

at the regular June meeting. In cases where extenuating circumstances exist, the membership can elect by majority vote to waive this requirement.

Section 3. A member of the Society can be expelled from membership for cause. A two-thirds adverse vote of the Society will be required to terminate his membership. A vote for expulsion can only be taken at a regular meeting of the Society, and a motion to expell him must have been made at the previous regular meeting. A motion to expell from membership must state the cause in writing. Upon receipt of a written motion to expell, duly seconded, the presiding officer shall refer the motion to the Executive Board for investigation, the report and recommendation of the Board to be presented at the next regular meeting of the Society.

Article VIII. Parliamentary Authority

Section 1. In matters not specifically covered in these By-Laws, the procedure as set forth in Robert's Rules of Order shall apply.

Article IX. Amendments

Section 1. These By-Laws, in whole or in part, can be amended or repealed, or new By-Laws adopted, upon a two-thirds vote of the membership, the said amended, repealed or new By-Laws having been presented at the previous regular meeting of the Society. A change in the By-Laws can only be effected at a regular meeting of the Society.

Section 2. All amendments to these By-Laws shall go into effect upon official announcement of the result of such vote.

Article X. Effective Date

Section 1. These By-Laws shall take effect November 1, 1954.

CALIFORNIA STATE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

SEVENTEENTH

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NOVEMBER 10, 11, 12, 13, 1955

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The C.S.N.A. was formed at a meeting at Santa Barbara on February 22, 1947 with nine persons in attendance. In the nine years of its existence 16 semi-annual conventions have been held. This is the seventeenth and the second one to be held in San Diego. From nine members to over 400 the membership of C.S.N.A. has steadily grown. It has grown to be one of the largest state organizations in the country.

SAN DIEGO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY
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The San Diego Numismatic Society was organized in 1937 by a small group of coin collectors under the leadership of Dr. Bruce Wallace. Attendance has grown from about fifteen to almost eighty at the meetings. The S.D.N.S. is pleased to have been able to furnish several of its members as officers in the state and national organizations in the Numismatic Fraternity.

The S.D.N.S. is proud to have been chosen for the second time to be host to a C.S.N.A. convention.

Welcome to San Diego, birthplace of California.

CONVENTION PROGRAM

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10

10:00 A.M.
Registration—Foyer
Placing of Exhibits—Regency Room and Foyer
Placing of Bourse—Riviera Room

4:00 P.M.
"Fiesta De Tijuana"—Fronton—Tijuana, Mexico

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11

8:00 A.M.
Breakfast meeting of C.S.N.A. officers—Ward Room

10:00 A.M.
Registration—Foyer
Placing of Exhibits—Regnecy Room and Foyer
Placing of Bourse—Riviera Room

10:00 A.M.
Bus Tour of San Diego

1:00 P.M.
Ladies Event (Watch bulletin board)

1:15 P.M.
Auction, Leo Young—Ward Room

8:00 P.M.
Numismatic Forum—Ward Room

CONVENTION PROGRAM

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12

8:00 A.M.
Breakfast meeting of Coin Club officers—Ward Room

10:00 A.M.
Boat tour of San Diego bay

1:00 P.M.
Ladies Event (watch bulletin board)

1:15 P.M.
Auction, Leon Young—Ward Room

7:00 P.M.
Banquet Entertainment—Riviera Room

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

9:00 A.M.
Trip to San Diego Zoo

12:00 Noon
Luncheon—Door prizes—Venetian Room

3:00 P.M.
Adjournment of Convention

6.00 P.M.
Post-Mortem—Buffet Supper—Ward Room

CONVENTION FEATURES

THURSDAY—

Note! Due to the fact that busses cannot cross the border, and also that all may not wish to leave and return at the same time, those going to Tijuana are asked to use their own cars. Persons of foreign birth should have some evidence of citizenship. **DO NOT** take merchandise or baggage across the border. Further information and transportation may be secured at the information desk.

Busses will load passengers on the Third Avenue side of the Hotel for the following events:

FRIDAY 10:00 A.M.

Bus tour of San Diego, Balboa Park, Point Loma, Old Town, Spanish Lighthouse, and Civic Center. Return at 11:30 A.M.

SATURDAY 10:00 A.M.

Boat ride in San Diego Bay. Refreshments and entertainment. Return at 12:00 Noon.

SUNDAY 9:00 A.M.

Trip to San Diego Zoo. Return at 11:00 A.M.

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NOTE:

Reservations must be made at Registration Desk for banquet, breakfasts, luncheons, and all outside trips. Please watch the Bulletin Board in the Foyer for special announcements and events.

CONVENTION COMMITTEE

Honorary Chairman.....Leonel C. Panosh, President, A.N.A.

General Chairman.....Francis S. Jones

Co-Chairman.....James J. Anderson

Registration.....Thomas W. Ward

Finance.....Dr. Bruce Wallace

Bourse.....Eugene D. Johnston

Exhibits.....Roy Hill and Douglas Decker

Auction.....Leo Young and James D. Smith

Security.....Eugene Cooper

Awards.....John E. Ohls

Numismatic Forum.....Leonel C. Panosh

Entertainment.....Atwood L. MacDonald

Special Events.....Arthur Vigneault

Ladies' Events.....Mrs. A. L. MacDonald

Program.....William H. Bell

Publicity.....Lyle L. Gordon

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Convair Coin Club
Carlsbad Coin Club

Points of interest in the City and County of San Diego

Balboa Park · Tijuana

San Diego Zoo · La Jolla · Old Town

Point Loma · Coronado

San Diego Mission · Old Spanish Light House

Ramona's Marriage Place

(For further information contact the Information Desk)

California Tower in Balboa Park

— NOTES —

SAN DIEGO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

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NEXT MEETING: Monday, December 3 at Y.M.C.A., 8th Ave. and C Street, San Diego, Calif. Social: 7:00 PM Regular: 8:00 PM.

Since the Bulletin has been conspicuous by its absence for so long a time, we thought perhaps something should be done about it.

Our esteemed and talented Editor having gotten to the point where the last straw was loaded on his back and it became impossible for him to find time to give us the dope, we thought we would try a feeble substitute.

Never having tried any thing in the literary field before, we expect this to become a gem in illiteracy. It might even be uncirculated.

When the Hermit sees what a terrible mess we have made maybe he will find time between his duties as Sec.-Treas. of the C.S.N.A. (which is a full time job), trying to make an honest living (which is more than a full time job), trying to find that illusive Roman coin (which is a life time job) and kick a few skunks out of the way and give us a good Bulletin once more.

Election of officers is scheduled for the December meeting so everyone is urged to attend and vote. A slate of officers were nominated at the November meeting by the Nominating Committee which is as follows: President: Francis S. Jones; Vice President: Paul Hamm; Secretary: J.R. Givens; Treasurer: Earl D. Starr; Exec. Board Member: Eugene D. Johnston. Nominations will be open at the December meeting before the election so if any member wishes to nominate any one other than the above, please feel free to do so.

Our annual Cristmas party and gift exchange will also be on this meeting night. Each member should bring a small gift not to exceed one dollar in value. It does not have to be something to do with coins, and should be marked whether it is for a man or woman.

It was reported that Frank Hernandez might be able to attend the next meeting. We all sincerely hope so are glad to hear that he is so improved.

San Diego should feel justly proud of the part we played in making the Cal State convention up in Santa Barbara, the huges success it was. I counted 23 members of the S.D.N.S. in attendance. Three first place ribbons were awarded to our members for their exhibits and the plaque for best of the show was awarded to Eugene Cooper for his very nice display of Greek Coins. Since time and space is limited, I will say only that the committees and Harry Davidson are to be congratulated for a job well done and those who failed to attend, missed a good one.

Don't forget our Installation of Officers banquet in January. Chairman Joe Givens has been working very hard to make this an outstanding event so lets get behing him and help, at least by being there. The banquet will be held at the Cafe Del Rey Moro in Balboa Park, Saturday, January 19, 1957 at 7:00 PM. Tickets at $3.00 each may be secured from your officers and from Joe Givens, 1811 Munda Road, San Diego 14. A good dinner and fine entertainment is planned so DON'T MISS IT!

Looking back on the past two years, I think our President, Jim Andersen, deserves a great big THANKS for a job very well done. Every time we have a report of our meetings in the Numismatist, it lists the S.D.N.S. as being one of the top three in attendance for the entire U.S. Looks like our Proxy knows how to keep our meetings interesting.

New members welcomed into the club are: Julius E. Johnson, Mrs. Harry D. Lewis, Mrs. Dorothy R. Webb, Frank M. Webb, Mrs. Guinn Lutz, William R. McCullagh, Mrs. Margaret G. McCullagh, Eva Bergstad and Mrs. Gloria Jones.

See you all next Monday night. MERRY CHRISTMAS

Paul Hamm and Francis S. Jones, Editors.